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BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

Emotions run high at sentencing for Collins

Buchanan man responsible for 4 deaths in tragic crash

By DEBRA HAIGHT
HP Correspondent

NILES — Monday's sentencing of Buchanan resident Dub Collins for the August crash that killed four people featured talk of both justice and redemption from relatives and friends of those who died. For his part, Collins said he would give anything to act differently that day.

Collins, 54, was sentenced to four concurrent terms of 47 to 90 years in prison and to pay $46,500 in restitution to the estate of the family that was killed. The prison sentence will be consecutive to any sentence he receives from violating his parole from a 2015 meth lab conviction.

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Collins pleaded no contest to four counts of second-degree murder in December and had eight other charges dismissed. The dismissed charges included four counts of drunk driving causing death and one count of drunk driving causing serious injury.

Collins was driving a 2007 Ford Fusion on Miller Road in Buchanan Township on Aug. 2 when he blew through the stop sign on Miller Road at a speed of more than 80 miles per hour. He struck a 2000 Honda Accord broadside that was traveling south on Main Street. All four occupants of the Honda were killed in the crash and pronounced dead at the scene.

Those who died in the crash were Robert Klint, 66, of Sawyer, his brother-in-law, Kent Williamson, 52, of Virginia, Klint's wife, Melissa Klint, 60, of Sawyer and their daughter, Landyn Klint, 22, of Sawyer. Robert Klint was the driver of the vehicle. Williamson was Melissa Klint's brother.

Collins said he stays awake every night praying for forgiveness. "I never intended for anyone to get hurt or lose their lives," he said. "I'm deeply sorry. I would give anything to take that day back."

His wife, Heather, also spoke before the sentencing. She was hurt in the crash and said she still has nightmares. "I hope you give him

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SH faces huge costs from high water

Consultant: City looking at damages between $8 million-$16 million

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — High water levels on Lake Michigan and the Black River could end up costing the city of South Haven millions of dollars.

A study released last week indicates the city could end up with a price tag of anywhere from $8 million to $16 million to fix the damage to beaches, municipal marinas, roadways and infrastructure from flooding and erosion.

Abonmarche Consultants conducted the study in December to give city officials an idea of how much it may cost to fix the damage caused by rising water levels that continually cause damage due to strong winds and high waves on the Big Lake.

The study indicates that erosion has damaged city roadways that end at Lake Michigan, like North Shore Drive at Ellen Avery Park. The report also points to the flooding and high water levels that have damaged city marina docks, seawalls and revetments, created backups to the city's stormwater infrastructure. The water has also badly eroded city beaches.

One of the most expensive projects listed in the report is the proposed installation of wave absorbers in the city's harbor to control the high waves that travel upstream from Lake Michigan into the Black River. Those alone would cost nearly $5 million. Other expenses detailed in the Abonmarche report include:

- Beach nourishment, $250,000-$1 million;
- Repairs and modifications to docks and buildings at the city's four marinas, $2.5 million-$6 million;
- Stormwater infrastructure upgrades, $250,000-$500,000;
- Repairs to sidewalks and revetments along the riverbank caused by erosion, $500,000-$2 million.

"Based upon projections from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, water levels will remain high through 2020, so it will be important to address issues quickly before they worsen," Abonmarche senior project manager Michael Morphey wrote in the report.

A news release issued last week by the Corps' Detroit District paints a bleak picture for lakeshore homeowners and municipalities.

The most recent six-month forecast of the Great Lakes shows

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TIME FOR A TRIM

Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

Emma Young prepares to cut Eric Shriver's hair Monday afternoon at the Twin City Beauty College in St. Joseph. Shriver, who has played Santa Claus in downtown St. Joseph for the last 10 years, is donating his hair to Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan, a nonprofit organization that provides wigs for children who have experienced hair loss.

Shriver is donating his cut hair to a nonprofit organization for the third time. He lets it grow for several years before getting it cut.

Shriver donates more than two feet of his hair Monday afternoon at the Twin City Beauty College in St. Joseph.

Retired judge Butzbaugh dies at 79

Known for innovation, service to state bar association

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Alfred Butzbaugh, who spent nearly a decade as a Berrien County Trial Court judge and several decades as an attorney, died Saturday at the Hanson Hospice center in Stevensville.

He was 79 years old.

Butzbaugh led Berrien County Trial Court as chief judge during a period of innovation, automation advances and budget-induced downsizing.

BUTZBAUGH

During his tenure, the court opened special courts to provide help for drug addicts and those with mental health problems.

He was a veteran lawyer – he earned his law license in 1967 – with a successful private practice when he was appointed to fill a circuit court vacancy in 2003. He was elected to a partial term in 2004, then a full six-year term in 2006.

Berrien County Trial Court Judge Arthur Cotter said Butzbaugh's impact was felt through his initiatives.

"The biggest thing I remember was his commitment to the poor and underserved in the legal system," Cotter said. "One of his initiatives was access to justice. It's a fund lawyers contribute to support programs so people can get legal representation in the system."

Cotter said Butzbaugh was also a big reason for the courthouse's Self Help Center.

"He was a big advocate for that," said Cotter, who served as county prosecutor while Butzbaugh was a judge. "The center helps people maneuver through

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Michigan suspends breathalyzer contract over testing results

DETROIT (AP) — Michigan State Police has suspended the contract with the company that issues the state's breath alcohol testing devices amid concerns the results could be flawed.

In a letter written to police and prosecutors statewide, state police officials warned law enforcement agencies about "performance-related issues" with the Datamaster DMT breathalyzer devices, according to The Detroit News. Such issues could affect drunken driving cases.

The letter did not identify the problems or how they were uncovered.

State police Lt. Michael Shaw said a stop order was immediately issued as soon as they "noticed some issues with the vendor that was responsible for maintenance and auditing the DataMasters around the state."

A phone call to the vendor, Intoximeters Inc., of St. Louis, was not returned Saturday.

"We will be (setting) up a unit in order to assume the responsibilities of that vendor," Shaw said. "Authorities will keep using the devices, but Michigan State Police, not the vendor, will calibrate them," Shaw said.

State police will also take over the contractor's duties of certifying and serving the breathalyzer units.

Oakland University criminal justice professor Daniel Kennedy said such issues with the breathalyzer devices could be troublesome for drunken driving cases in Michigan.

"This could open the floodgates for appeals," Kennedy said. "In drunk driving cases, one of the first questions any defense attorney asks is, 'When was the last time the device was calibrated?' So, if they found problems with how these things were being calibrated, that could wind up being one big mess."

Maj. Greg Zarotney of the Michigan State Police Office of Professional Development wrote in the letter that prosecutors with any cases that could have been impacted by the company's errors have already been notified and if any additional errors are found, a report will be immediately forwarded to the affected prosecutor.

East Lansing attorney Michael J. Nichols, who specializes in drunken driving cases, said he doesn't know quite what to make of the situation.

He says the DataMaster is only part of the evaluation of a person's sobriety, but it cannot be fully relied on as proof of how much alcohol is in someone's system.

"Depending on exactly what the errors were and how pervasive they were, I think this could have a huge potential impact," he said. "I'm a little suspicious about why they sent out this letter. The state is being transparent, and they never do that unless there's more to it."

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President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump exit Marine One on Monday at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

Trump defends Soleimani strike

President says 'it doesn't really matter' if Iranian general was planning 'imminent' attacks on Americans

By CHRIS SOMMERFELDT
New York Daily News (TNS)

President Donald Trump said Monday "it doesn't really matter" if Iran's top general was plotting attacks on Americans at the time of his death.

Trump's about-face contradicts his and his administration's repeated assertions that the president only ordered the U.S. killing of Qassem Soleimani to prevent the Iranian Quds Force general from carrying out "imminent" attacks on American troops and diplomats in the Middle East.

"The Fake News Media and their Democrat Partners are working hard to determine whether or not the future attack by terrorist Soleimani was 'imminent' or not, & was my team in agreement," Trump tweeted. "The answer to both is a strong YES, but it doesn't really matter because of his horrible past!"

The mixed signals from Trump comes as his Cabinet officials keep contradicting each other while giving justifications for the Jan. 3 airstrike that killed Soleimani outside a Baghdad airport.

Defense Secretary Mark Esper said Sunday he had seen no intelligence to back up the president's claim a few days earlier that the "imminent" attacks Soleimani was allegedly planning targeted four U.S. embassies.

Former U.S. officials say they can think of no scenario under which a president would be privy to military intelligence that a defense secretary did not know of.

"Unless standard operating procedures for sharing intelligence in the USG have changed radically since the time I served in the Obama administration, there is no way that the president, but not the secretary of defense, would have this kind of intel. No way," tweeted Michael McFaul, a former U.S. ambassador to Russia.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, meanwhile, said last week he didn't know "exactly where" or "exactly when" Soleimani was going to strike, only to backtrack and claim he was definitely targeting American embassies.

Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle have said Trump administration officials did not provide sufficient explanations in classified briefings last week as to why the U.S. needed to kill Soleimani, who effectively served as Iran's second-in-command directly under the supreme leader.

Previous American presidents have had the opportunity to kill Soleimani but opted against it, reasoning his death could spark all-out war in the Middle East. Soleimani was considered responsible for the deaths of hundreds of American forces and allies.

Sen. McConnell on U.S.-Iran strategy: 'Let's not screw it up'

By MATTHEW DALY and LAURIE KELLMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell says he opposes a Senate resolution asserting that President Donald Trump must seek approval from Congress before engaging in further military action against Iran.

McConnell, a Kentucky Republican, said Monday that the Senate will "soon" debate a measure sponsored by Democratic Sen. Tim Kaine of Virginia. The measure, co-sponsored by two Republicans, would send the wrong message to U.S. allies after the Trump administration killed Iran's top general earlier this month, McConnell said.

Tehran responded to the U.S. attack by launching missiles at two military bases in Iraq that house American troops. No casualties were reported.

The "blunt instrument" of a war powers resolution is no substitute for "the studied oversight the Senate can exercise through hearings ... and more tailored legislation," McConnell said.

"We appear to have restored a measure of deterrence in the Middle East," McConnell said in a speech opening the Senate for the week. "So let's not screw it up."

His remarks came amid questions and fresh explanations from the Trump administration about why it ordered a Jan. 3 strike that killed Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani.

The Democrat-controlled House passed a separate war powers resolution last week. The House measure is not binding on the president and does not require his signature. But House Speaker Nancy Pelosi nonetheless insisted it "has real teeth" because "it is a statement of the Congress of the United States."

McConnell did not offer a timeline for Senate debate, saying only that it would take up the war powers resolution "soon." He mocked Democrats for questioning what "imminent" attacks the administration was preventing by killing Soleimani.

Trump did not consult with congressional leaders ahead of the attack that killed the Iranian general. Afterward, he sent Congress a notification explaining the rationale, but kept it classified. He said Friday that Iranian militants had planned attacks on four U.S. embassies. Just hours earlier, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo had said the U.S. didn't know when or where attacks might occur.

McConnell stepped past the administration's muddled explanations and noted that Democrats are now quibbling with what he called "career professionals" who advised Trump on the issue.

"I look forward to hearing our colleagues who want to quibble over the word 'imminent' explain just how close we should let the terrorists come to killing more Americans before we defend ourselves," McConnell said.

Lotteries

Monday drawings

Michigan

Poker Lotto
5C-7C-2H-4H-9S
Midday Daily 3
7-2-0
Midday Daily 4
9-3-5-6
Daily 3
0-2-5
Daily 4
9-2-8-8
Fantasy 5
03-08-18-22-29
Keno
06-12-13-18-20-25-27-30-33-37-38-43-44-52-55-56-58-62-63-68-74-79
Mega Millions jackpot
$91 million
Powerball jackpot
$296 million

Sunday drawings

Indiana

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13-17-24-36-40
Cash4Life
18-23-25-49-51, Cash Ball: 1
Quick Draw Midday
10-13-15-17-18-21-24-27-30-35-36-45-47-55-57-58-60-63-70-78, BE: 18
Daily Three-Midday
4-4-0, SB: 8
Daily Three-Evening
1-7-6, SB:0
Daily Four-Midday
6-2-4-3, SB: 8
Daily Four-Evening
2-6-9-9, SB:0
Quick Draw Evening
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LuckyDay Lotto Midday
02-07-09-15-40
Pick Three-Midday
8-8-2, Fireball: 0
Pick Three-Evening
9-1-7, Fireball: 2
Pick Four-Midday
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Trump's fate rests with McConnell in impeachment trial

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Laura Albinson of Pasadena, Md., displays a message for members of Congress as they leave the Capitol in Washington on Friday.

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump needs Mitch McConnell more than ever.

With Trump finally facing his impeachment trial, this promises to be a defining moment for both men, They started their relationship unevenly three years ago when Trump stunned Washington with his sweep to power but have since fallen into an easy partnership that will be put to its biggest test.

The leader of the Republican-majority Senate has already put his imprint on virtually every aspect of the upcoming trial. He corralled the GOP senators behind his strategy to brush back Democratic demands for new witnesses and testimony. On Monday, McConnell and Senate Republicans were trying to decide whether to include a motion to simply dismiss the charges against Trump outright, as the president wants, in the organizing resolution for the trial, according to a person familiar with the matter but unauthorized to discuss it.

The Kentucky Republican is working hand in hand with the White House. He doesn't pretend to be an impartial arbiter.

"The House has done enough damage," McConnell said Monday as he opened the chamber. "The Senate is ready to fulfill our duty."

As the Senate is about to convene for the landmark undertaking, only the third presidential impeachment trial in American history, perhaps no one is more important to Trump's defense than the Republican leader.

The Democratic-run House is set to transmit the articles of impeachment to the Senate in a matter of days. Trump faces two charges approved by the House. First, that he abused power by pushing Ukraine to investigate his Democratic political rival Joe Biden, holding back U.S. military funds to the country as leverage. And second, that he then obstructed Congress by blocking witnesses and testimony in the House probe.

The challenge for McConnell will be to balance Trump's appetite for full vindication, accompanied by humiliation of Democrats, with a more measured trial that fits the legal expectations of the Constitution and won't expose Senate Republicans to a spectacle that could hurt them in elections.

"The president and Senator McConnell have learned to trust each other's judgment." said Josh Holmes, a former top McConnell aide who remains close to the leader. "They've been through an awful lot over three years."

Republicans hold the majority in the Senate, 53-47, and there is nowhere near the 67 votes needed for Trump's removal.

The president has given mixed messages about what he wants in a trial – first suggesting calling witnesses including Speaker Nancy Pelosi, House Intelligence Chairman Adam Schiff and the still anonymous government whistleblower, whose complaint about Trump's July phone call with Ukraine sparked the impeachment inquiry.

But over the weekend Trump said the Senate should simply dismiss the case against him, rather than legitimize the House charges by sending them for trial. It was an extraordinary suggestion that now appears to be under consideration.

As Pelosi prepared to release her hold on the charges, Trump tweeted yet again on Monday that the House impeachment inquiry "was the most unfair witch-hunt in the history of Congress!" Making it personal, McConnell is calling the holdup Pelosi's "one-woman blockade."

The president continues to review his options, according to one senior White House official who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations.

The person described the president's talk of dismissal as simply covering the possibilities as the White House continues to work closely with Republicans on Capitol Hill. Simply dismissing the charges against Trump is unlikely, though Republicans are circulating a proposed resolution.

McConnell, who has gained the president's trust in Senate matters, now needs to deliver.

The two sparred early in Trump's presidency, most sharply when McConnell's Senate GOP was unable to repeal the Affordable Care Act, a signature Trump campaign promise.

But once the GOP leader muscled through the confirmations of Trump's Supreme Court nominees, Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh, the relationship warmed. The two men talk regularly.

The leader's proximity to Trump helps him back home, where he is up for reelection in the Bluegrass State this year alongside Trump. His likely Democratic opponent will be former Marine Corps officer Amy McGrath, who flew combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

As the House launched the impeachment inquiry, McConnell was able to convince Trump not to tweet against Senate Republicans who showed signs of straying and instead focus attention on the House.

McConnell's goal during the House proceeding was to create a party-line outcome that would diminish the case as it came to the Senate, Holmes said.

The groundwork for the Senate trial was laid months ago as McConnell built GOP support for modeling it partly on rules devised for President Bill Clinton's impeachment trial in 1999. That would mean starting the proceedings and voting only later on hearing new testimony.

That allowed McConnell to turn back Democrats' demands for agreement on new testimony, particularly from former White House national security adviser John Bolton, who has indicated he will defy Trump's orders and appear if subpoenaed.

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St. Joseph funds beach protection

Nearly $200K approved for rock barriers

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Work will soon begin on constructing more barriers to prevent erosion along the Lake Michigan shoreline in St. Joseph.

The St. Joseph City Commission on Monday night approved hiring B&Z Company to install rock barriers, or revetments, at the 3rd Street, 2nd Street and Park Street road ends.

The total cost of the project is $197,200.

City Engineer Tim Zebell told the commission that since a special meeting in December all of the property owners, except one, have signed on to an agreement with the city and B&Z Company to install a uniform rock revetment along the lakefront.

Homeowners have been threatened by high water and waves through the fall and winter, and had sought permission to place temporary barriers against further erosion on the city-owned beach, while a permanent solution was sought.

Property owners had to sign on before the city could approve paying for a project. Some other property owners have chosen to fund projects themselves with different companies doing the work.

Zebell said notably absent from the list is 1st Street because there is no adjacent shore protection on the south side of 1st Street, although the city understands the property owners in this area have discussed options.

He said that's OK because there's more of a natural buffer going north. In addition, B&Z will work south to north to address areas of the most significant erosion first.

Zebell said erosion protection at Park Street is more complicated than the other street ends because of broken concrete and substantial sections of poured concrete there. He said B&Z will supplement the existing concrete with toe and armor stone to generally match the other revetments.

The revetments are more of a residential style that haven't been heavily engineered, but they will offer protection to the homes and won't hurt the environment, Zebell said

If maintenance is required, who should pay for it will be addressed at that time.

The city commission also approved increasing the amount of money alloted for revetment repair at the city Water Treatment Plant. The city had originally approved $69,190, but increased it to a not to exceed project cost of $450,000.

Water Plant Superintendent Grew Alimenti said this work was scheduled for the next phase of the water plant project, but due to lake conditions, it was necessary to advance this work. The water fund's budget was amended to account for this change in cost.

Harbor project

In other business, commissioners approved a resolution to hold a special meeting with the Benton Harbor City Commission and St. Joseph Township Board about the Twin Cities Sustainable Harbor Revitalization Project.

The project's findings have been presented to all entities and the meeting on Jan. 22 will serve as an opportunity for community officials to discuss how to move forward and to create a governing

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Debris field

Don Campbell / HP staff

Fishermen make their way through debris and sand washed up along the North Pier in St. Joseph as a result of recent storms.

Lakeshore may add HVAC classes

Would be part of popular CTE program

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

STEVENSVILLE — Lakeshore High School may add classes this fall to prepare students to enter the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) industry, Lakeshore Superintendent Phil Freeman said after Monday's school board meeting.

The classes would be added to the high school's career and technical education (CTE) program.

"We asked around in the community where some of our biggest needs were that would also put our students in a great position once they leave the district to be employed and HVAC just kept coming up," he said.

He said several families in the school district are involved in the HVAC business, and they were excited to hear about the program that could potentially furnish them with employees.

But first, he said the district needs to purchase equipment and find an instructor.

"We might be able to pull it off this fall," he said. "We do have some information that says we may have some equipment available to us. We think we could squeeze (the program) into the

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Berrien County Trial Court

'I want justice for my son. I hurt every day'

BH man sentenced for 2019 murder

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — "One second of hatred caused a lifetime of pain," a grieving mother told a Berrien County judge Monday.

Keisha Wilburn, the mother of Joseph "Jo Jo" Tyson, addressed the court in Judge Angela Pasula's courtroom before Pasula sentenced Tyson's killer, Tarone Washington, 24. Tyson was 26. Witnesses at trial pointed to Washington as the person who shot Tyson and his friend, Robert White. White survived. Witnesses said Washington and Tyson were believed to have had some type of disagreement prior to the shooting. All are from Benton Harbor.

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Washington was sentenced to 31-75 years in prison for the second-degree murder of Tyson in the early morning of July 1, 2018, at an outdoor party on Edgecumb Avenue in Benton Harbor. Pasula also handed down a sentence of 18-50 years for assault with intent to murder White. A doctor testified at trial for Washington that White was critically injured within an inch of his life.

Washington will serve the two prison terms concurrently, but for each of two counts of felony firearms, he was handed a mandatory two-year sentence consecutive to and preceding his other terms. Further, he was ordered to pay restitution totaling $11,575, including $7,155 for Tyson's funeral and $4,420 for lost wages for his mother, who said she missed 34 days of work due to her son's death and ultimately lost her job.

"I hope I can forgive this man one day. I just hate that this happened. I hope one day God will touch this man and change him," Wilburn told the court. "I want justice for my son. I hurt every day. There's not a day I don't think of my son."

Tyson's father, Joseph Boatner, also addressed the court.

"I just want justice for my son. My son got cheated out of his life. He was a good kid," Boatner told the judge.

Berrien Assistant Prosecutor Mark Sanford asked that the court not forget Robert White when fashioning a sentence for Washington. Sanford said White was so critically injured he still has pain and had to quit a job

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Royalton Twp. to charge for repeated false alarms

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — In an attempt to discourage false fire alarms, Royalton Township is making a change to its fire ordinance.

At Monday night's board meeting trustees agreed to pull the fee item out of the ordinance and change it to a scheduled pricing structure.

"We've gotten to the point where we need to charge for that service," said Supervisor Robert Basselman. "It seems to be something that the place can correct internally."

The change would allow the township to implement fees for multiple occurrences, such as a recent spate of false alarms at Caratel Inns of Lakeland, which was caused by one resident repeatedly pulling the alarm, Basselman said.

Manager Steve Tilly said they had been giving repeat offenders up to three false alarms to fix the problem.

Tilly said Caretel – an assisted living facility in Royalton – was responsible for many of the false alarms (14) last year.

"We're hoping this change will fix the problem," Tilly said.

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Praying for colder temps

Niles ice fest is this weekend; Dowagiac's is Feb. 1

By DEBRA HAIGHT
HP Correspondent

The weather might not seem much like winter, but two area communities are moving forward with their ice festival plans. Niles will host its 16th annual Hunter Ice Festival Jan. 17-19, while Dowagiac is holding its 24th annual Ice Time Festival on Feb. 1.

This year's Hunter Ice festival runs Friday through Sunday, Jan. 17-19, and features a variety of activities including ice sculptures carved live by nationally known sculptors, a 5K run, the Fire & Ice event Friday night in Riverfront Park, speed carving Saturday night at the amphitheater and a chili crawl Sunday afternoon.

The festival pays tribute to the Hunter family that operated the Hunter Ice Company in Niles in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Ice cream in the tradition of the product offered by the Hunter Ice Company is made specially for the festival each year and is sold at a booth on Main Street.

People can find more information about the Hunter Ice Festival at www.uncoverniles.com.

Meanwhile, there are a wide variety of activities on tap in downtown Dowagiac for the Ice Time Festival on Saturday, Feb. 1. New this year is "Frosty Foosball," in which six-person teams can compete for fun and prizes.

People can watch carvers create unique ice sculptures as well as take part in other events such as wood carving, outside games, campfires and a chili cookoff. Ice carving gets underway by 8 a.m. Feb. 1 with members of the Michiana Ice Carving Association carving numerous ice blocks into art sculptures on Front, Commercial and Beeson Streets.

Back for this year's festival are the Mid-Union Sled Haulers – or MUSH – with their sled dogs. A meet and greet featuring Paw Paw resident Jan Bloom and his four sled dogs will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Beeson Street. People will be able to meet the dogs and get a look at the equipment used.

Don Campbell / HP file photo

Abby Trott, left, and her sister, Tess Kavadas, play a game of table tennis on an ice table in 2015 during the Hunter Ice Festival in downtown Niles.

Also on tap will be the seventh annual Frozen Fish Toss Open Competition sponsored by the Wounded Minnow starting at 12:30 p.m. As many as 20 to 30 participants are expected to line

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Grand Rapids offers free community college to city's high school graduates

By DAVID JESSE
Detroit Free Press

GRAND RAPIDS — Free community college is coming to Grand Rapids.

A new program that will pay for a free associate's degree at Grand Rapids Community College for all students graduating from a high school in the city was unveiled by city leaders Monday.

The program is the latest in the state to offer some level of free college. Some, like this one and others at Wayne State University, are tied to geographical boundaries and offer free college to one school. There's also a push for a statewide free community college program.

"To say the Promise Zone is a game-changer really doesn't go far enough," GRCC President Bill Pink said. "We are removing cost as a barrier to getting an education, helping get an associate degree, credits to transfer to continue their education and career skills. This will be life-changing for so many students and their families."

The Grand Rapids Promise Zone scholarship is a last-dollar scholarship. Students are required to complete the FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid – to determine available need-based aid. Once the total need-based aid has been determined, they will receive a Grand Rapids Promise Zone scholarship to cover the remaining costs of tuition, fees, books and required course materials.

GRCC will provide $500,000 in scholarships as part of the program and also has accepted the role of administering the program on behalf of the authority board.

The Grand Rapids program will give qualifying students who live in the City of Grand Rapids and graduate from one of the 22 eligible high schools – including traditional public, public charter or private – a certificate or associate degree at the community college tuition-free. The scholarship will not only cover tuition, but also books, supplies, and fees.

Tuition at GRCC costs a full-time, in-district student about $4,000 a year.

Complete funding is available only to those students who start high school at one of the approved schools in either ninth or 10th grade and finish there. If a student starts in 11th grade and finishes, the program will offer 50 percent of the cost.

Earlier this spring, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced her plans for free community college to be included in next year's budget. Her goal is to have 60 percent of all Michigan residents with some sort of post-high school degree or credential. Michigan currently is around 45 percent.

Whitmer's statewide plan, which would have to pass the Legislature, would cost $80 million to $100 million a year.

Here's how it would work:

■ In order to be eligible for the free community college, a student would have to graduate from a Michigan high school and live in Michigan for at least a year.

■ The program would start in 2021.

■ There is no family income cap on the plan.

■ The plan is a last-dollar plan, meaning that all financial aid for which a person is eligible – including a Pell Grant – would be applied to a student's tuition bill, then the state would cover the leftover cost.

■ The plan would cover costs for three years after graduation, or 60 credits.

■ There's a $2,500 scholarship available for students going to a four-year school. In order to be eligible, students would have to have a 3.0 grade-point average in high school and family income of less than $80,000 a year.

■ Another proposed program, Michigan Reconnect, would allow residents age 25 and older to enroll in community colleges, career certificate programs and union apprenticeships at no cost. There's no income cap and students can attend full time or part time. The state's talent investment fund will cover $110 million in cost.

Several other states already have free community college plans.

European supercars to pack downtown Detroit in new auto show event

By MARK PHELAN
Detroit Free Press

DETROIT — From Ferrari to Rolls-Royce, from pasta to fish and chips, British and Italian supercars and food will fill Detroit's streets this June as the North American International Auto Show expands from TCF Center and the Detroit riverfront to Broadway and John R in the heart of downtown.

The annual show, which moves from its traditional January dates to mid-June this year so it can add outdoor events, will also feature muscle car drifting on the roof of TCF Center, a motor sports display at Hart Plaza and more.

Motor Bella will take place June 5-8 in an area roughly bounded by the Michigan Opera House, Shinola and Element hotels.

It will include more than 100 supercars from the Italian and British brands that dominate the auto industry's most exotic heights. Brands will include Alfa Romeo, Aston Martin, Bentley, Ferrari, Jaguar, Lamborghini, Land Rover, Lotus, McLaren and Mini. The Gallery, the ultra high-end shopping event for luxury car buyers, will take place Saturday, June 6.

Events at TCF center and along the riverfront begin with press conferences and new vehicle introductions June 9-10 and include industry days June 10-11, the charity preview June 12 and the public show June 12-20.

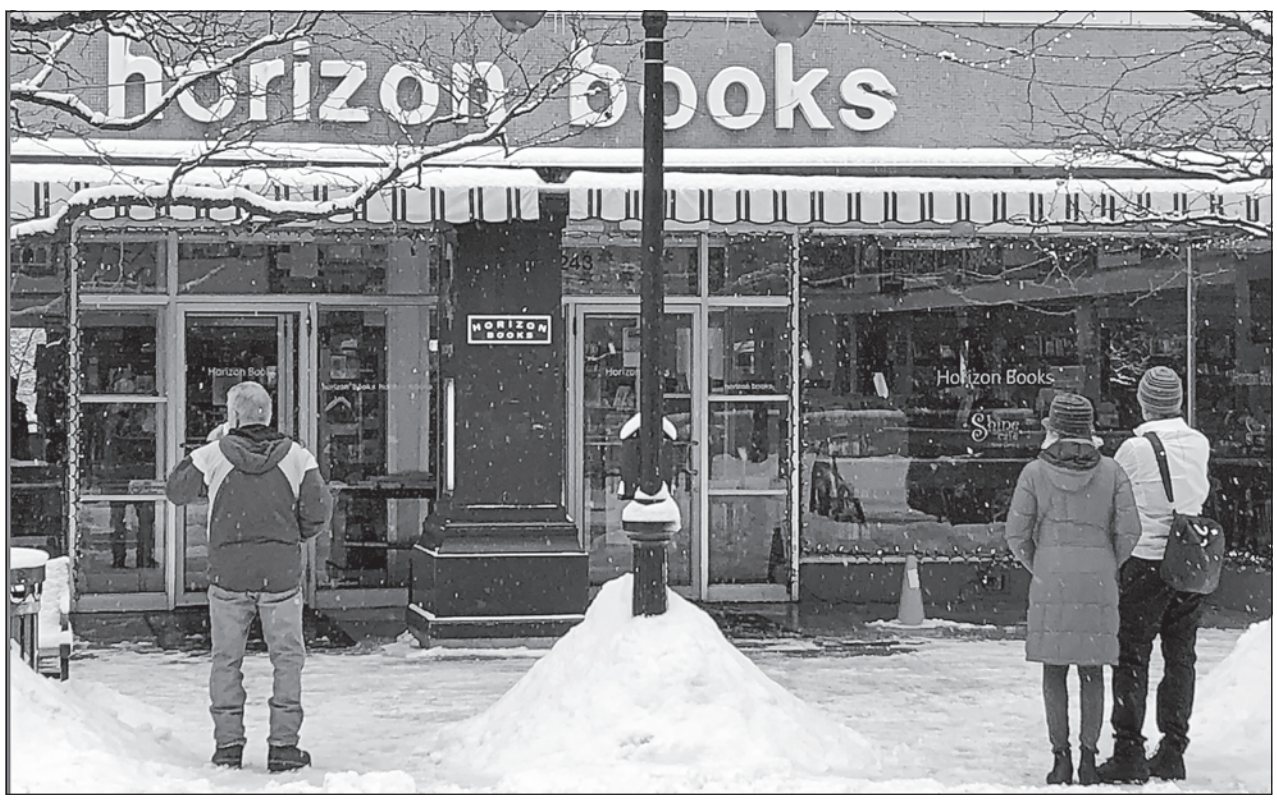
It's early yet, but organizers say 15-20 new vehicles will be unveiled, a strong turnout in an era when automakers have cut back on events at auto shows. TCF Center's main floor is sold out, but organizers expect to add more outdoor events along Jefferson Avenue as the show gets closer.

Already nailed down:

■ Ride and drives in new vehicles from at least six companies.

■ A course to simulate off-roading for SUV buyers

■ Electric and autonomous shuttles running in downtown Detroit.



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People gaze into Horizon Books on Monday in Traverse City, The bookstore that has served Traverse City for nearly 60 years is closing. Horizon Books has been a downtown landmark on Front Street, selling books and making space for musicians, authors and community groups. The store will close at some point this year.

Bookstore closing after nearly 60 years

TRAVERSE CITY (AP) — A Michigan bookstore that has served Traverse City for nearly 60 years is closing.

Horizon Books has been a downtown landmark on Front Street, selling books and making space for musicians, authors and community groups.

"Talking about books – that's my superpower," longtime employee Marla Van Hook said. "Communities don't realize what they lose when they lose a bookstore. It's a meeting place. It's a home."

Horizon Books began in 1961. It moved into a former J.C. Penney store in 1993.

"We have recovered from competition and poor sales before but now see ourselves as older and looking toward retirement," the owners said on Facebook. "Horizon Books has been our focus all these years but we now find that our focus is turning towards other needs of family."

Amy Reynolds, who owns the store with her husband, Vic Herman, told the Traverse City Record-Eagle that it was a "very hard decision but it's time."

The store will close at some point in 2020.

"I never got into it for the money. I got into it because I loved it," Herman, 90, said. "Our sales are down, but we could survive financially. We're just getting to a point in our lives where we want to do some other things."

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"We're pulling the fee out of the ordinance and referring it to a scheduled pricing so the fire chief can adjust it to pay for the firefighters and not need a normal board motion to go through an ordinance amendment."

Last year, Tilly said the township charged the facility about $250 total for five of the false alarms. After it was paid, Tilly said there hasn't been a false alarm from there since.

The cost for each response from the township's fire department depends on the number of fireman who respond. Tilly estimated the overall cost is $500 to $1,000 for each false alarm.

Other agenda items

Trustees also agreed to lift the height restrictions for industrial and commercial buildings.

With the township's new platform truck that can extend higher to fight fires, Tilly suggested an unlimited height for the ordinance, which the board approved.

The change requires more training for firefighters but wouldn't prevent businesses or organizations from renovating their current structures past 35 feet.

The board also agreed to increase how much it pays Election Day workers to work the voting stations.

For the upcoming primary, Royalton created an absentee ballot board and bought a new tabulator. Royalton Township normally has six people working at each precinct station. However, the township added more people for its absentee ballot board.

Royalton was paying its workers $10 an hour on Election Day. That number was increased to $12 an hour after Clerk William Foust looked over a survey that included the figures for how much each municipality paid helpers.

The township previously bought another tabulator ($5,500) and laptop ($1,200) to account for the expected increase in absentee ballots.

The moves by the township comes after Proposal 3 was approved in November 2018 to allow citizens to vote absentee without providing a reason.

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facilities that we already have."

He said the district also needs to crunch numbers.

"We have to make sure that it's financially realistic for us to add this program," he said.

Freeman said the district is always looking for ways to expand opportunities for the students.

"We're finding out that our students that are working with their hands are in high demand in this area, whether it's our welding program, our machine tooling program, our marketing program, our woods program, CAD program, auto program, I could go on," he said.

He said CTE students have many options when they leave the high school.

"If you're going into CTE, that doesn't mean you're not going off to college," he said. "Many of our kids leave our program and go off to trade schools and other colleges to continue their education. Others go right into the work world and have their college education or other advanced training supported by the companies that employ them. So financially, it's a great move for them."

During the meeting, school board trustees learned that the district is projected to end the fiscal year with $70,000 more dollars in its general fund than previously projected.

Chief Financial Officer Tracy Althouse said that is partially because a payment for the district's two new school buses will be made in November, which is in the 2020-21 fiscal year rather than the current one.

This will mean that the general fund at the end of the 2019-20 fiscal year, on June 30, will have in it almost 10 percent of the district's annual budget of $27 million, Freeman said after the meeting.

He said the district tries to always have at least that amount on hand in case of an emergency.

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Detroit man cleared after nearly 30 years in prison

By ED WHITE
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DETROIT — A judge on Monday dismissed the 1991 conviction of a man who spent nearly 30 years in prison for an attack on a Detroit woman in a car.

Gerry Thomas, 62, who was helped by law schools in Michigan and New York, has long maintained his innocence. The conviction integrity unit in the Wayne County prosecutor's office agreed that his conviction should be set aside.

"If the police had conducted a true investigation 30 years ago, Mr. Thomas never would have been arrested in the first place," said Jane Pucher of the Innocence Project at Yeshiva University's Cardozo law school.

The victim said she was attacked while in a car outside a convenience store in 1987. She identified Thomas two years later. Police had no physical evidence against him or any other witnesses, according to the Innocence Project.

Thomas was convicted of assault and attempted murder in 1991 and sentenced to a minimum of 50 years in prison.

"I am thankful and so happy to finally be going home to my family," said Thomas, who started his day in prison but was granted freedom at the court hearing.

Pucher said the Innocence Project agreed to pursue the case in 2010. The team learned, among other things, that the victim was in a small car, a 1987 Ford Escort. Thomas was 6 feet, 3 inches tall and weighed 240 to 260 pounds at the time.

"We took pictures of someone of similar size and stature in that car," said Pucher, adding that it was "ridiculous" to think Thomas could have been the attacker.

Prosecutor Kym Worthy said it was "very clear" that Thomas deserved a new trial after the discovery of new evidence.

"In this case, the victim is now deceased. As a result the Wayne County prosecutor's office is unable to re-try the case," Worthy said.

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board to oversee the project.

The city commission also approved allowing Indiana Michigan Power to replace all of its streetlight fixtures to more efficient LED fixtures. This will not cost the city anything, and the replacement project will only take about a week.

Commissioners also did a first reading of the city's new sign ordinance and it is expected to be adopted at the next city commission meeting. The current sign ordinance hasn't been updated since 1980.

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up and catch one of the flying frozen fish.

The annual Chili Crawl runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. that Saturday, with several local restaurants vying for the title of best chili. Free samples will be served at the nine businesses.

People can find a detailed schedule at www.DowagiacChamber.com or on the chamber's Facebook page.

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that required him to stand for long periods.

Sanford added that Washington has been on probation twice and has displayed some inappropriate behavior in the Berrien County jail, including threatening a jail guard.

Washington had originally been charged with open murder, so the jury that heard his case last August was instructed on the elements of first-degree and second-degree murder. The panel believed Washington shot Tyson but was not convinced the shooting was pre-meditated, an element needed to convict on first-degree murder. Had Washington been convicted of first-degree murder, he would have faced a mandatory penalty of life in prison without parole.

Washington told the judge and Tyson's family, "I'm very remorseful for what happened, but I'm not responsible for what happened."

His lawyer, Donald Sappanos, said his client maintains his innocence and will appeal the convictions.

"He believes he'll be successful on appeal," Sappanos said.

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AP Photo

Protesters hold flowers as tear gas fired by police rises at a demonstration Saturday in front of Amir Kabir University in Tehran, Iran, to remember victims of a Ukrainian airplane shot down by an Iranian missile. On Monday, online videos purported to show that Iranian security forces fired both live ammunition and tear gas to disperse demonstrators protesting against the Islamic Republic's initial denial that it shot down a Ukrainian jetliner.

Gunfire disperses Iranian protests over jet's downing

By JON GAMBRELL
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Popular anger swelled Monday in Iran over the accidental shootdown of a Ukrainian jetliner and the government's attempt to conceal its role in the tragedy, as online videos appeared to show security forces firing live ammunition and tear gas to disperse protests in the streets.

Iranians, already suffering under crippling U.S. sanctions, expressed shock and outrage over the plane crash that killed scores of young people. They also decried the misleading statements from top officials, who only admitted responsibility three days later in the face of mounting evidence.

The country began last week engulfed in mourning after a U.S. drone strike killed Gen. Qassem Soleimani, who led Iran's regional military interventions. Then on Jan. 8, it responded with a ballistic missile attack on two bases housing U.S. troops in Iraq, although there were no casualties. Hours after that barrage, as it braced for a U.S. counterattack that never came, Iranian forces accidentally shot down the Ukraine International Airlines jetliner, killing all 176 people aboard shortly after it took off from Tehran for Kyiv.

For a growing number of critics – from ordinary citizens to notable athletes and artists – the events have revealed a government that is incapable of following through on its incendiary rhetoric and willing to mislead its own people about a national tragedy in order to avoid embarrassment.

Those sentiments first boiled over late Saturday, shortly after the Revolutionary Guard admitted shooting the plane down by mistake. A candlelight vigil at a university rapidly turned into an anti-government demonstration.

"They are lying that our enemy is America! Our enemy is right here!" students shouted.

On Sunday night, protesters massed in Tehran's Azadi, or Freedom, Square.

Videos sent to the New York-based Center for Human Rights in Iran and later verified by The Associated Press show a crowd of demonstrators near Azadi Square fleeing as a tear gas canister lands among them. People cough and sputter while trying to escape the fumes, with one woman calling out in Farsi: "They fired tear gas at people! Azadi Square! Death to the dictator!"

Another video shows a woman being carried away in the aftermath of the violence, a trail of blood visible on the ground. Those around her cry out that she has been shot in the leg.

"Oh my God, she's bleeding nonstop!" one person shouts. Another shouts: "Bandage it!"

Photos and video after the incident show pools of blood on the sidewalk.

Tehran's police chief, Gen. Hossein Rahimi, later denied that his officers opened fire.

"Police treated people who had gathered with patience and tolerance," Iranian media quoted Rahimi as saying. "Police did not shoot in the gatherings since broad-mindedness and restraint has been the agenda of the police forces of the capital."

The semi-official Fars news agency reported that police had "shot tear gas in some areas."

Canada's Trudeau: Plane victims would be alive if not for tensions

By ROB GILLIES
Associated Press

TORONTO — Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said the victims of the Ukrainian jetliner shot down by a missile that killed 176 people including 57 Canadians would be alive right now if tensions had not escalated in the region.

Trudeau has been careful to avoid blaming U.S. President Donald Trump for the deaths of the passengers after Trump ordered the killing of Gen. Qassem Soleimani, Iran's top general, in a U.S. airstrike in Baghdad.

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"If there was no escalation recently in the region, those Canadians would be right now home with their families. This is something that happens when you have conflict and the war. Innocents bear the brunt of it," Trudeau said in an interview with Global News Television.

Some Canadians including a leading corporate leader in the country blame Trump in part for the deaths. Trudeau has spoken to Trump.

"I've talked about the tremendous grief and loss that Canadians are feeling and the need for clear answers on how this happened and how we're going to make sure it never happens again," Trudeau said.

Trudeau added that he would have "obviously" liked a warning before Trump ordered the killing of the Iranian general. Canada has troops in Iraq as part of a NATO training mission.

Trudeau said is there is anger directed at Iran.

"There is a demand for justice. And that is entirely, entirely to be expected and should be heeded very carefully by the Iranian government," Trudeau said.

Canada's Transportation Safety Board, meanwhile, said Monday that Iranian officials have invited it to participate in analysis of the voice and flight data recorders from the Ukrainian jetliner.

TSB Chair Kathy Fox said Iran has invited the agency to take part as an observer for the download and analysis of the "black boxes" wherever and whenever that takes place, and the agency hopes to play a larger role.

"We are working very hard to build trust daily in order for us to brought in," Fox said. "Canada's role is evolving. It remains to be seen how far that will go."

Natacha Van Themsche, the director of investigations, said Canadian experts also have been invited to inspect the wreckage and the crash site – an unusual step since the plane was not produced in Canada and the crash did not occur in Canada.

Two Canadian investigators have obtained visas to travel to Iran and a second team with expertise in recorder download and analysis will be sent.

The crash early Wednesday killed everyone on board, mostly Iranians and Iranian-Canadians. After initially pointing to a technical failure and insisting the armed forces were not to blame, Iranian authorities on Saturday admitted accidentally shooting it down in the face of mounting evidence and accusations by Western leaders.

Van Themsche said the agency also will investigate why Iranian airspace was not closed to civilian traffic when Iran launched attacks on Iraqi military bases.

Canada suspended diplomatic relations with Iran in 2012, but Trudeau and Canada's foreign minister have been in touch with their Iranian counterparts since the plane was shot down.

Trudeau has called the downing a Canadian tragedy because 138 of the passengers were headed for Canada. They included students, newlyweds, doctors and parents. The youngest was a 1-year-old girl.

German police officer in hot water over Hitler lookalike

BERLIN (AP) — German police say they are considering disciplinary proceedings against an officer who failed to step in when an Adolf Hitler lookalike showed up at a motorbike meeting in the eastern state of Saxony.

State police said Monday that the incident is being investigated because the man dressed as the Nazi leader – sitting in a Wehrmacht-style sidecar – may have broken German laws on the use of illegal symbols.

A video posted on social media shows laughing bystanders, including an officer in a police van, photographing the biker and his pencil-mustached passenger.

In a post on Twitter, Saxony's governor Michael Kretschmer said "the appearance as a mass murderer is more than tasteless."

Kretschmer said he hoped the biker meeting in Augustusburg, near the eastern city of Chemnitz, would take place again next year but that "first it needs to be clear: such behavior is unacceptable and won't happen again."

Authorities in Saxony have struggled to combat the state's image as a hive of neo-Nazi activity. The far-right Alternative for Germany party received more than a quarter of the vote in state elections there last year.

Queen to let Harry, Meghan move part time to Canada

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SANDRINGHAM, England — Britain's pragmatic queen brokered a deal Monday to secure the future of the monarchy, charting a course for Prince Harry and his wife, Meghan, that allows them to live part time in Canada while still remaining firmly tied to the House of Windsor.

The decision followed a summit at Queen Elizabeth II's Sandringham estate in eastern England that sought to resolve the conundrum of what to do with royals who only want the job part time. The British monarch said in a statement that the summit of senior royals was "constructive," and that it had been "agreed that there will be a period of transition" to sort things out during which Meghan and Harry will spend time in both Canada and the U.K.

"My family and I are entirely supportive of Harry and Meghan's desire to create a new life as a young family," the queen said in a statement that offered a demonstrably soft tone.

Matt Dunham / AP

Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, and from left, Meghan the Duchess of Sussex, Prince Harry, Prince William and Kate the Duchess of Cambridge watch a flypast of Royal Air Force aircraft over Buckingham Palace in London in July 2018.

"Although we would have preferred them to remain full-time working members of the Royal Family, we respect and understand their wish to live a more independent life as a family while remaining a valued part of my family."

Royal statements are usually sticklers for protocol, but the queen referred to "my grandson and his family" and "Harry and Meghan" rather than using the couple's formal title, Duke and Duchess of Sussex.

The summit marked the first face-to-face talks with Harry since he and Meghan unveiled their controversial wish last week to step back from their royal roles, become financially independent and split their time between Britain and North America. The meeting reflected the queen's desire to contain the fallout from the independence announcement, which prompted hurt feelings among senior family members not told in advance of the decision.

But by midday Monday, the House of Windsor showed signs of pulling together. Princes William and Harry issued a joint statement slamming a newspaper report describing a severe strain in their relationship, calling the story offensive and potentially harmful.

Though the statement did not name the newspaper, the Times of London has a front page story about the crisis in which a source alleged that Harry and Meghan had been pushed away by the "bullying attitude" from William. The joint statement insisted that the story was "false."

"For brothers who care so deeply about the issues surrounding mental health, the use of inflammatory language in this way is offensive and potentially harmful," the statement said.

The queen said after Monday's meeting that these were "complex matters for my family to resolve, and there is some more work to be done, but I have asked for final decisions to be reached in the coming days."

One of the trickier questions that needs to be worked out is precisely what it means for a royal to be financially independent and what activities can be undertaken to make money.

Harry and Meghan also face questions about paying for security, which is currently taxpayer-funded. Home Secretary Priti Patel refused to comment, but said safety was a priority and added that "royal family themselves need some time and space for them to work through the current issues that they're dealing with."

French summit aims to boost counterterror fight in W. Africa

PAU, France (AP) — French and West African heads of states vowed to boost their military efforts under a joint command in Africa's Sahel region, which has seen a surge of deadly violence. They also urged the U.S. to maintain its key support in the fight against Islamic extremism.

Leaders of Mali, Burkina Faso, Chad, Niger and Mauritania on Monday joined French President Emmanuel Macron in discussing security issues at the summit in the southern French city of Pau.

In a joint declaration, they reaffirmed their "determination to fight together against the terrorist groups."

African leaders said they want France's military presence on their ground and called for more international support.

They also expressed their gratitude toward the "crucial help" of the United States amid fears it may reduce its troops across the African continent. Macron said such a U.S. move would be "bad news."

"I hope I can convince President Trump that the fight against terrorism ... is also at stake in this region," he added.

The White House National Security Council tweeted Monday that "the United States strongly supports African, French, and international efforts in the Sahel to strengthen security and combat terrorism."

France and the five Sahel countries agreed to concentrate military efforts "immediately" along the porous border separating Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso with a unified military command. Extremist fighters move about the area with little challenge.

Macron said the priority is to combat the Islamic State of the Greater Sahara, an IS group affiliate.

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'It's Trump's fault' is Democrats' default mode

It may be tempting to blame President Trump for the downed passenger jet in Iran last week, but a linear conclusion it is not.

At the least, such a judgment is premature and rigged with the politics of emotion.

Last week, Rep. Jackie Speier, D-Calif., who sits on both the House Intelligence and Armed Forces committees, essentially said the president was at fault for the downing of the plane, while media reports out of Canada, which lost at least 63 countrymen in the disaster, featured mourners pointing fingers at the U.S.

Kathleen Parker

Officials from the U.S., the United Kingdom and Canada have all said that intelligence reports strongly suggest that the airplane was hit by an Iranian surface-to-air missile. Iran called that assessment a "big lie," instead blaming technical issues.

In an interview Thursday on CNN, Speier insisted that the jetliner disaster was "collateral damage" from Trump's "provocative" actions toward Iran. When pressed in another CNN interview Friday, she said that, while she wasn't placing blame on Trump specifically for Iran's apparent shoot-down of the plane, "it all emanates from the killing of [Maj. Gen Qassem] Soleimani" ordered by Trump. Speier added that, in the wake of the air strike that targeted the Quds Force commander, Iran is "providing vengeance … to the United States," which, though useful to the narrative dispensary, isn't supported by logic in the case of the jetliner. Never mind the worrisome possibility that Trump's aphasic-like means of expression may be a contagious tic.

Were Trump a more-trustworthy president – and his foreign policy more than just a "series of impulses," as my colleague Fareed Zakaria so aptly put it recently – then people might be more inclined to wait out an investigation. In times of shock and grief, we humans quickly seek to assign blame, if only in part to designate a target for the anger that follows.

But, even considering Trump's dubious foreign-policy record and the Soleimani assassination, laying even partial blame on the U.S. president for a crime (or accident) that Iran apparently committed doesn't meet the minimum requirements of fairness or logic.

Consider: Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 took off from Tehran with 82 Iranians. By what strain of logic would killing so many of one's own citizens hurt another nation? No doubt, Iran would love to "provide vengeance," but Iranian officials announced early on that they would seek reprisal against the U.S. by striking *military* targets. Thus, last week, just hours before the airliner exploded mid-air, Iran fired more than a dozen short-range ballistic missiles at Iraqi military bases that housed American troops.

By the logic of those trying to saddle Trump with blame, these two events would have had to be coordinated strikes for the purpose of impugning Trump. But it would have been a mighty gamble for Tehran to presume that the world would react in synchrony against Trump rather than Iran. Furthermore, what sense would there be to conduct military strikes that caused no casualties and another that killed 176 civilians?

Almost as if choreographed, reaction to Flight 752 has refocused attention on the rationale behind Soleimani's killing that he presented an "imminent danger" to Americans. Sens. Mike Lee, R-Utah, and Rand Paul, R-Ky., both have said that they heard nothing to support the "imminent" claim during a classified meeting to explain what happened. Lee went further, saying that it was the "worst" briefing on a military issue he had attended during his nine years in the Senate. Paul and Lee may have a legitimate point, one echoed by some Democrats, but their concerns are a distraction from what happened early Wednesday morning in the skies above Tehran.

Other theories about the plane crash include that it was merely a terrible accident or that the jetliner was felled because of a faulty engine. But video obtained and verified by The New York Times showed the moment of impact by what appears to be a ground-fired missile just minutes after the plane took off. Assuming enough evidence remains, an investigation may provide an answer to what happened.

In the meantime, pending facts – and respectful of victims and grieving families – speculation and finger-pointing are no help to anyone. And, though Trump unquestionably has exacerbated tensions in the Middle East by killing Soleimani, his finger, figuratively speaking, wasn't on the button – this time.

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Why Elizabeth Warren is not so electable

The most important consideration for Democratic primary voters this year is not which candidate would make the best president, because the worst of their candidates would be a gargantuan improvement over Donald Trump. The most important consideration is which one gives them the best chance of beating Trump. Everything else is a distraction.

Steve Chapman

Elizabeth Warren presents herself as the most electable contender in the field. "I'm the only person who will be on the debate stage who's beaten a popular incumbent Republican anytime in the last 25 years," she boasted recently in Davenport, Iowa. "In other words, I know how to fight, I know how to win, and that's what I plan to do."

But Warren's record is not exactly one of slaying dragons. It's more one of trapping mice. Massachusetts Democrats lose to Republicans about as often as the Harlem Globetrotters succumb to the Washington Generals.

The state has more than three times as many registered Democrats as Republicans. There is not a single Republican in its congressional delegation.

Democrats have controlled *both* houses of the state legislature since 1959, often with supermajorities. In statewide elections, it takes considerable incompetence for a Democrat to lose, and even that may not be enough.

Take that race Warren cites. In 2012, she challenged Scott Brown, a Republican who had won a special election to fill the vacancy left by the death of Ted Kennedy. Brown got 52 percent of the vote in a low-turnout contest in January 2010. At the time, Congress was debating Barack Obama's health insurance plan, which a majority of Bay State voters opposed. Brown's victory was, to a large extent, a fluke.

Two years later, he lost to Warren, but her victory was nothing to brag about. In a strong Democratic year, in a heavily Democratic state, she got 53.7 percent of the vote.

Compare that with Obama, who got 60.8 percent of the vote – even though his opponent was a former governor of Massachusetts named Mitt Romney. Or compare it with Massachusetts' other senator, Democrat Ed Markey, whose worst showing in his three races was 54.8 percent. In her home stadium, Warren has been an underperformer.

Speaking of her home state, Democrats should make a sober assessment of history before nominating someone from there. They tried it in 1988 with Michael Dukakis, who lost to George H.W. Bush, and they tried in 2004 with John Kerry, who lost to George W. Bush. The GOP tried it in 2012 with Romney.

No one has been elected from the Bay State since John F. Kennedy, 60 years ago. (The elder Bush was born there, but he was no more identified with Massachusetts than Abraham Lincoln was with Kentucky.)

There's a reason for this losing record: Massachusetts is an ideological outlier. A 2019 Gallup Poll found that of the 50 states, it has the highest share of people who identify themselves as liberals (35 percent) and the lowest share of self-described conservatives (21 percent).

That's roughly the inverse of the national electorate, which is 37 percent conservative and 24 percent liberal. It's also roughly the inverse of the Great Lakes swing states – Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin – that delivered victory to Trump.

Warren, if anything, leans even further left than the state she represents. The website Voteview, which tracks every roll-call vote, has rated her the most liberal member of Congress for the entire time she has been there. Based on her voting record, the website FiveThirtyEight's Harry Enten concludes she is "far to the left of Obama."

By his calculations, Warren would the most liberal nominee since 1972, when George McGovern got a pathetic 37 percent of the vote and carried a single state. You can guess which one.

If Democrats want someone with demonstrably broader appeal, there is Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, a state far closer to the national ideological norm. In her three Senate races, her vote shares were 58 percent, 65 percent and 60 percent. In 2012, she ran more than 12 points ahead of Obama, which means that more than 300,000 people who voted for Romney also voted for her.

In 2016, Hillary Clinton won just nine of the state's 87 counties, though that was enough to carry Minnesota. In 2018, Klobuchar won 51 of them, including most of those that Trump had carried.

Democratic voters, who have grown more liberal, may be tempted to nominate Warren because of her indelibly liberal positions. Democratic voters intent on their most critical goal – expelling Trump – should look elsewhere.

Steve Chapman is a columnist for the Chicago Tribune.

LETTERS

March 10 is coming up; study up on candidates

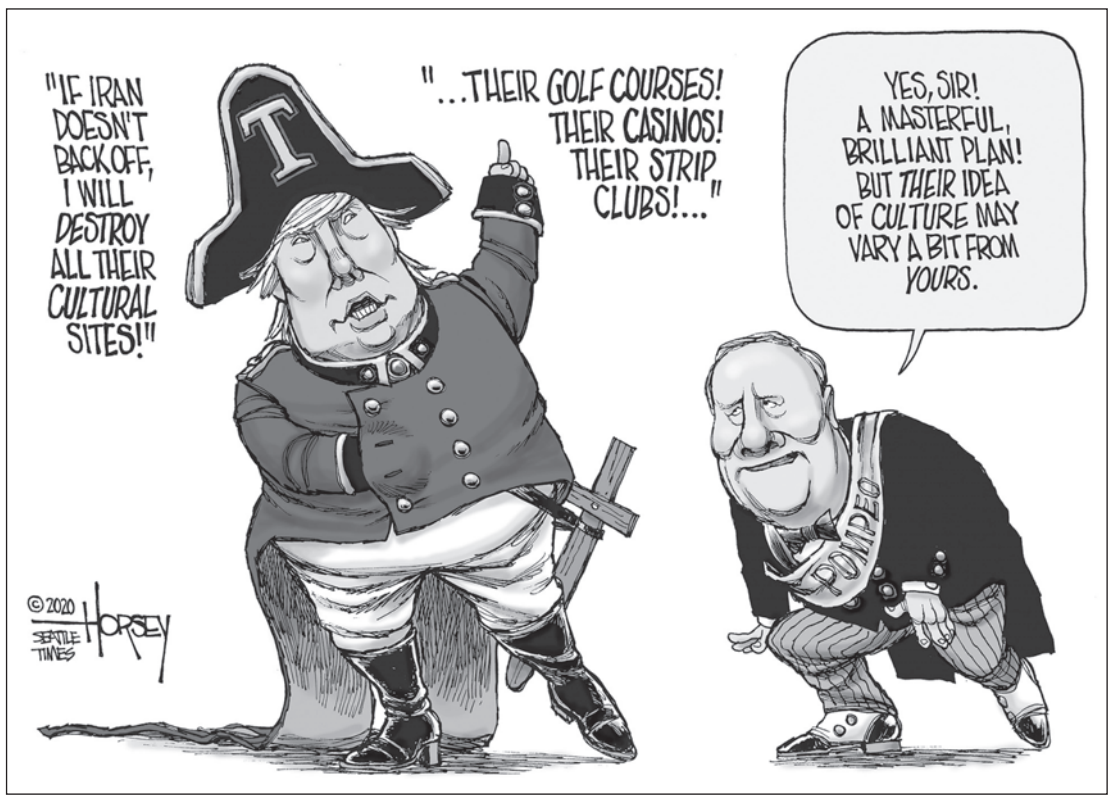
Editor,

2020, the election year, is finally here, and with it the Democratic presidential primary on March 10. Democrats are fortunate to have an exciting, highly qualified slate of candidates from which to choose in the primary.

At the same time, the large number of choices can be overwhelming, and it's hard to sort out the differences between candidates on the myriad competing issues. But it's vital that people fully inform themselves and make a decision on which candidate to support on March 10. Each candidate has a website, and there is an array of television and print media sources that will provide a well-rounded picture of each candidate. The Jan. 2 issue of The New York Times ("Who's Running for President in 2020?") has an excellent synopsis of each candidate followed by more detailed information on each person. Does it take time to study all of this? Yes! But this is our democracy at stake, and it's time to cast an informed vote on March 10.

New voting laws allow "no reason" absentee voting; absentee ballot applications are available from city or township clerks. Or vote in person. Either way, cast your vote on March 10.

Naomi Ludman
Dowagiac


"IF IRAN DOESN'T BACK OFF, I WILL DESTROY ALL THEIR CULTURAL SITES!"
"...THEIR GOLF COURSES! THEIR CASINOS! THEIR STRIP CLUBS!..."
YES, SIR! A MASTERFUL, BRILLIANT PLAN! BUT THEIR IDEA OF CULTURE MAY VARY A BIT FROM YOURS.
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ANOTHER OPINION

They crave a different kind of buzz

In pursuit of "geographic balance" and the desire to "become financially independent," and to raise their son their way and to launch a new charitable entity, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex are stepping back from the House of Windsor and committing to split time between the United Kingdom and North America.

We admire Prince Harry and Meghan Markle for breaking out of what clearly can be a rigid royal mold; they've both shown a healthy penchant for making waves in and around a rather stolid palace.

But we do have one little question about that supposed hunger for that financial independence: Will Harry and Meghan's new charitable entity rely not one pound on the $88 billion fortune, most of which is derived from inherited lands and investments?

Meghan made more than a little money as a working actor. Is Harry now going to get a job behind a desk?

– New York Daily News

This debate is a battle for heads, not hearts

The dynamics of the Democratic presidential race are about to change. Tonight's debate in Des Moines will be the grand opening of a new set of conflicts and the launch of renewed efforts by candidates not named Joe Biden or Bernie Sanders to make 2020 something other than a lightly remodeled version of the 2016 primaries.

E.J. Dionne

To say the contest is unsettled is an understatement. Among a series of surveys released since the first day of the year, the most revealing was CBS News' poll in Iowa: It found former Vice President Biden, Sen. Sanders and former South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg all tied at 23 percent, trailed by Sens. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., at 16 percent and Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., at 7 percent.

The poll showed just how torn Democrats are about the decision they confront. "The race is unsettled because the voters are unsettled," said Geoff Garin, a Democratic pollster who is neutral in the contest. "Sanders has a committed base, but otherwise, voters are making intellectual and strategic choices rather than passionate choices. As a result, voters can shift around."

The survey also underscored how high the stakes of today's encounter are for Warren, Klobuchar and, to only a slightly lesser degree, Buttigieg, whose emergence is the truly fresh story out of 2019.

Polls show that Buttigieg, who turns 38 on Sunday, is in a plausible position to win both Iowa on Feb. 3 and New Hampshire eight days later, an extraordinary achievement for a two-term mayor of a small Midwestern city. But the unlikeliness of his success means he needs victory in at least one of these states and strong showings in both to move forward.

This will continue to make him a target of both Warren and Klobuchar, but he must also prevent hemorrhaging some of his votes to fellow moderate Biden. This could lead to a spirited generational conflict between the youngest and second-oldest candidates onstage.

Warren, depending on your point of view, is either stuck between the more moderate candidates and Sanders (and has lost support to both sides) or, as she hopes, now represents her party's center of gravity and has the best chance to unify it.

Warren as unifier is a new theme, although she was effectively playing that role this fall when she soared to the top of the field by picking up support across the party. This also serves as an answer to those who doubt she can defeat President Trump.

More than anyone, Klobuchar needs to upend the dynamic of the contest. Her survival as the fifth option is not a trivial accomplishment, given how many other candidates have already fallen by the wayside. But her candidacy is unlikely to continue past Iowa unless she can cut deeply into Buttigieg's and Biden's vote shares. This gives her an interest in provoking dramatic moments tonight while hoping that her two immediate rivals falter.

Sanders, on the upswing, will continue to play his greatest hits for those who never tire of his tune. But the most dovish candidate onstage will likely step up his criticisms of Biden's foreign policy views, especially his initial support for the Iraq War in 2002. The independent from Vermont is anticipating what is now a strong possibility: against Biden, he will be the outsider progressive against the insider favorite, a reprise of his breakout role four years ago against Hillary Clinton.

Then there is Biden, so far the great survivor. "The last year has really not been that interesting," said Anna Greenberg, a Democratic pollster who worked for former Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper's presidential campaign before he dropped out to run in his state's U.S. Senate race. "The first half was: who will pass litmus tests? The second half was: Biden, Biden, Biden, and Medicare for All."

Perhaps paradoxically, Greenberg said, the impeachment inquiry and Trump's attacks on Biden and his son Hunter may have helped the former vice president by keeping him at the center of the conversation and arousing solidarity with him among party loyalists. And Biden's own debate performances improved enough to reassure Democrats who continue to think he is the party's best bet against an incumbent they loathe.

Garin, the strategist, argues that there are two kinds of Democratic primary voters: Those looking for the strongest *progressive* to oppose Trump, and those looking simply for the strongest *Democrat* to beat him. Last year started with the accent on the first. As this year begins, the focus – for now, to Biden's advantage – has shifted to the second.

E.J. Dionne is a columnist for The Washington Post.

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Director Greta Gerwig, left, and Noah Baumbach are seen at the 77th annual Golden Globe Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif. on Jan. 5.

DirectorsSoMale: Oscar noms slammed for lack of diversity

By JOCELYN NOVECK
AP National Writer

Actress Issa Rae was ready with her quip, as if she had predicted the Oscar nominations that were announced Monday. "Congratulations to those men," she said dryly, as the best director nominees – yes, five men – were announced.

Rae's expertly thrown shade echoed through social media as observers took stock of what was, yet again, a pretty bad day for diversity and inclusion in Hollywood. Not only were there no female nominees in directing for the 87th time in Oscar history – a direct snub to Greta Gerwig, director of the acclaimed "Little Women," as well as several other worthy candidates. There was also only one person of color, Cynthia Erivo, among the 20 acting nominees.

Those slights overshadowed the happier news that across all categories, a record 62 women (about a third of nominees) were nominated.

They also had people asking: Why is this happening again, when diversity has been on the front burner for years now, and the Academy has taken steps to overhaul its overwhelmingly white, male membership? And what will it take to accomplish real change?

"So here we are again," said Stacy L. Smith, director of the USC Annenberg Inclusion Initiative at the University of Southern California, of the nominations. She said the results were particularly frustrating because 2019 was a breakout year for female directors.

"They were out in strong numbers. This was the year of the highest percentage of female directors that we've seen," she said. "And yet they're not allowed to be lauded by these cultural institutions for their directing prowess."

There's a "complete disconnect," Smith added, "between objective criteria of merit and what we are seeing in the nominations for directing at the Academy Awards."

In terms of race and ethnicity, there was disappointment that only Erivo's nomination for "Harriet" prevented an entirely white slate in all four categories – a scenario that first happened in 2015, resulting in the #OscarsSoWhite hashtag, and again in 2016.

The Academy sought thereafter to diversity its ranks. Since 2015, the group's overall female membership has grown from 25 percent to 32 percent, and overall membership of people of color has doubled, from 8 percent to 16 percent.

Erivo, a double nominee for both best actress and best original song, said in an interview from Japan that she hoped this year would be a "stepping stone to opening the doors" to honoring the work of a more diverse group of artists. She paid special tribute to "so much good work specifically by women" like Gerwig and other female directors who were overlooked.

Gil Robertson, president of the African American Film Critics Association, said he wished the acting nominations had been more diverse, but he felt hopeful they were more of a blip than a slide backwards. "I think we're making strides in the right direction," he said.

Among the most glaring snubs was that of Jennifer Lopez, who had been seen as a virtual shoo-in for a supporting actress nod for playing a stripper in "Hustlers." In the lead actress category, Awkwafina, who a week ago won a Golden Globe, was denied a nod for her role in "The Farewell." She would have become just the second Asian American nominated for best actress (the first, 1936 nominee Merle Oberon, hid her South Asian heritage).

The omission was a reflection of the difficulty Asian Americans in Hollywood have long had in cracking the acting categories in particular.

"It's been a long, slow battle," said Chris Tashima, an actor-director and a member of the Academy Asians Action Committee, an informal group of Asian and Pacific Islander members of the Academy. "We've been very much absent. We've been trying to create opportunities for years. But you can't even get nominated if you don't get the roles."

Tashima added, though, that progress is happening, albeit slowly – with television leading the way in terms of new opportunities. "It's night and day from five years ago," he said.

Smith said that for women directors, the key problem is an outmoded view that some Academy members have of what a leader is – a very masculine view.

"What needs to change is that stereotypical view of WHO can lead," Smith said. "And until that changes, this is going to keep happening."

She added: "Research globally suggests that when people think 'manager,' they think male. We found the exact same thing with directors. ... The research is very clear. Women aren't being considered for top leadership positions, and when they are, they are often criticized more sharply. We're seeing that playing out right now in the awards process."

Obituaries

Owahn Keith Unger

Owahn Keith Unger, 68, of Watervliet passed away on Monday, Jan. 13, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center in Stevensville, after a long illness.

UNGER

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, at Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home in Coloma, with visitation beginning at noon. Memorial donations in Keith's memory may be made to the North Berrien Military Rites Team. Those wishing to leave a message or share a memory with the family online may do so at www.duffieldpastrick.com.

Keith was born Sept. 7, 1951, in Martinsburg, W.Va., to Jerry and Gladys (Hoffmaster) Unger. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Vietnam era, and was employed by Meijer in Benton Harbor for 15 years. Keith enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his daughter and grandkids. He was also a member of the American Legion, NRA and VFW.

Keith is survived by his daughter, Julie Unger; grandchildren, Harleigh and Jerry Unger, Kellsei Long and Rhylee and Makenayh Collins; a special nephew, Dave (Bear) Cartwright; and many other nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Josh Unger.

Mildred J. Churchill McGath Hillman

Full of life until her last moments, Mildred "Millie" J. Churchill McGath Hillman passed away peacefully on Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020, with her family by her side.

HILLMAN

Mildred was born on Nov. 25, 1924, in Volinia Township, Cass County, Mich., to Ray and Ruth (Elliott) Churchill. She graduated from Dowagiac High School in 1942 and Cass County Normal in 1943.

On Feb. 8, 1946, she married Clair W. McGath of Berrien Springs upon his return from the U.S. Navy. He brought a daughter, Shirley Ann Brennan (deceased, 2016) (David), into the marriage. Together Clair and Mildred had three children: David Clair McGath (deceased 2003), Bette J. Otte (Russell) of St. Joseph and James L. McGath (Tammy) of Avondale, Ariz. She leaves behind grandchildren: Amy McGee, Robin Featheringill, Catherine McGath, Alyssa Pliml, Brent Otte, Cori Bennett, Joshua McGath, Jason Mooberry, Jennifer Gonzalez, Audrey Plummer, James Young, Vickie Angelly and Margie Childress. She also is survived by numerous great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews and a special cousin, Leroy (Lee) Sheline.

Mildred began her teaching career in Cass County, where she taught for four years in one-room country schools. After the birth of her children, she went back to teaching in Berrien County at Fair Plain Junior High. She became interested in special education students who were suddenly thrust into a learning environment that they couldn't cope with. She was instrumental in helping develop a special education pre-vocational program at the Benton Harbor Junior and Senior High Schools. After four years she moved to Dowagiac High School Special Education until her employment at Lewis Cass Intermediate Schools. At Lewis Cass she was first coordinator, then director, of special education for Cassopolis, Dowagiac, Edwardsburg and Marcellus schools and their own programs at Brookside Learning Center in Cassopolis. She retired in December 1985 after eight-and-a-half years, completing a 36-year career. She received her BA from Western Michigan University in 1965 and her MA in special education in 1974.

Mildred and Clair operated the M&C White Elephant Shop in Volinia, Mich., for 14 years until her retirement. They then spent summers in Michigan and winters in Arizona until 1998, when Clair died in February after a six-year battle with cancer.

Mildred married Lester R. Hillman in May 1999. Lester was a retired submariner (Lt. Ret.). They continued her snowbird life, living at Glenaire Park in St. Joseph in summers and Sun City West, Ariz., in winters. Lester died in November 2012. She has two surviving stepsons, Stephen (Tamara) Hillman and Mark Hillman.

Mildred enjoyed music and was touched by special songs throughout her lifetime. She was proud of her career and affected many lives as a teacher. She enjoyed people and sharing found treasures with those she met in their shop. She loved doing craft projects and gifting intricate crocheted blankets to each new member of the family. Mildred was an avid reader; she read a book a week up until her last few days. She loved traveling and was able to see much of the world. She was able to travel twice through Europe with Clair and visited many states as they drove back and forth between Michigan and Arizona. She visited Alaska, New Zealand and Australia with Lester and then in 2017, at the age of 93, she went to Hawaii with her family. She was able to visit the East Coast in 2018 to see her sister-in-law, Pat Foster, and visited many states along the way. Mildred managed to set foot in all but two U.S. states within her lifetime.

Mildred and her four siblings all enjoyed long lives together. Her sister, Esther King, died in 2016. Her other sister, Frances Perry, known to all as Peggy, and her brothers, Darwin (Gertraud, who survives) Churchill and Charles Ray (Betty, who survives) Churchill, died in 2018.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, at Clark Chapel, 405 Center St., Dowagiac. Burial will follow in South Wayne Cemetery. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service from 10-11 a.m., also at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Brookside Learning Center. Those wishing to send a condolence online may do so at www.clarkch.com.

Frank W. Small

Frank W. Small, 74, of Stevensville left us suddenly on Jan. 7, 2020, of a cerebral hemorrhage.

A Celebration of His Life will be held on his birthday, from 3-7 p.m. Thursday, April 9, at the American Legion Hall in Bridgman. Please come.

SMALL

Frank was born on April 9, 1945, to James E. and Frances (Scott) Small, in Benton Harbor. He was the owner of Frank W. Small Metal Fabrication in Baroda. He loved drag racing, steel art sculpting, Texas Holdem and coffee klatching. Through his lifetime enjoyment of these activities, Frank's field of friends grew so big they all cannot be counted. He never knew a stranger and usually made each person he met an instant friend. He recognized everyone he ever knew and always made a special point of acknowledging them. Frank presented two Steel Art Sculptures at "Art Prize" in Grand Rapids in 2017 and 2018, and he was especially proud of that. He loved life and had ample energy for it. His loss will be felt deeply for a very long time by those who loved him.

He is survived by the love of his life, his wife, Carol L. (Pallas) Small; daughter, Jamie (Richard) Hurst; grandsons, Richard Taylor (Rachel) Snedeker, Conor James Snedeker and Joshua (Ashley) Hurst; great-grandson, Logan; brothers, James Edward (Carolyn Drier) Small Jr. and Earl David (Lori) Small; his sister, Deborah (Clark) Small Ballard; nieces, Keely (Mary) Small-Bradley and Emily Nicole Small; and nephew, Earl David Small II. Also surviving are in-laws, Jim (Donna Tinberg) Pallas, Chuck Pallas, Roberta (Pallas) Slater, Jodie Orzehoski, Kellie (Pallas) Garcia, Kristin (Paul) Grenon, Timothy (Beth) Ives, Aaron (Heidi) Filippo, Lisa (Terrence) Cobb and their beautiful children and Dakota Christenson; in addition to so many loving cousins and special close friends.

Frank was preceded in death by his father, James Edward Small; mother, Frances (Scott) Small; mother-in-law, Noreen Fritz; brother-in-law, Walter Orzehoski; and nieces, Jennifer Small-Walker and Turi (Stevens) DeLeo.

Colette Williams-Hayes

Colette Williams-Hayes, 51, of Duluth, Minn., formerly of Berrien Springs departed this life Dec. 29, 2019.

WILLIAMS-HAYES

A service celebrating her life will be held Wednesday, Jan. 15, at the Trinity COGIC, Benton Harbor. The visitation begins at 11 a.m., followed by the service at noon. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Colette was born July 9, 1968, in Berrien Springs, to Robert and Mary J. Williams. She later moved to Minneapolis, where she graduated and received her CAN certification. After living and working in Minneapolis, she moved to Duluth, and met the love of her life, William Howard Hayes. They were married on Sept. 15, 2015.

Colette was very fun, loving, loved fishing and was a shining star to all who knew her. Although she lived away from her family, she kept in close touch with everyone on a regular basis.

Colette is survived by her husband, William Howard Hayes; mother, Mary J. Williams; daughter, Nicole Renae Chester; sisters, Patricia Ward, Diane Thomas, JoAnn Williams, Barbara Jean and Sarah Williams; stepsister, Geraldine Williams; brothers, Robert Jr. Williams, Larry Williams, Wallace Williams, Johnny Williams, Vernon Williams and Senior Robert Williams; a host of nieces, nephews, friends and family; and her loving bunny rabbit, Annie Bell.

She is preceded in death by her father, Robert Williams; stepmother, Louise; son, Joshua Chester; sisters, Mary Ann Williams, Betty Sue and Willie Mae Williams; brothers, Leroy Williams and Ronnie Williams; and grandparents on both sides.

Death notices

Mark E. Belfy, 52, of Coloma died Jan. 11, 2020, at his residence. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

Ethel M. (Kelley) Brown, 73, of Berrien Springs died Jan. 11, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Stephen L. Brundage, 65, of St. Joseph died Jan. 11, 2020, in Kalamazoo. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Alfred Butzbaugh, 79, of St. Joseph died Jan. 11, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Mildred J. Churchill McGath Hillman, 95, of St. Joseph and Sun City West, Ariz., died Jan. 12, 2020. Clark Chapel and Cremation Services, Dowagiac, 782-2135.

Joel D. Johnson, 70, of New Buffalo died Jan. 11, 2020, at his residence. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Mildred L. Nowak, 94, of Niles died Jan. 11, 2020, at her daughter's home in Buchanan. Halbritter Wickens Funeral Home, Niles, 683-3000.

Keith E. Sherk, 82, of Niles died Jan. 11, 2020, at his residence. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Dolores O. Sykora, 89, of St. Joseph died Jan. 12, 2020, at Woodland Terrace, Bridgman. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Owahn K. Unger, 68, of Watervliet died Jan. 13, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

Colette Williams-Hayes, 51, of Duluth, Minn., formerly of Berrien Springs died Dec. 29, 2019. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Ocean temperature was highest on record in 2019, study says

By SIMINA MISTREANU
dpa (TNS)

BEIJING — The world's oceans hit their highest temperature on record in 2019, and the rate at which they are warming is speeding up, a new study showed Tuesday.

The ocean temperature last year was about 0.075 degrees Celsius above the 1981-2010 average, according to a study published in the Chinese journal Advances in Atmospheric Sciences.

Scientists calculated that, in order to reach this temperature, the ocean would have taken in 228 sextillion jules, about 3.6 billion times the amount of heat released by the Hiroshima bombings.

"This measured ocean warming is irrefutable and is further proof of global warming," said Cheng Lijing, the paper's lead author and associate professor at the Institute of Atmospheric Physics of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

"There are no reasonable alternatives aside from the human emissions of heat trapping gases to explain this heating," Cheng said.

Researchers also compared data from 1987 to 2019 with the period between 1955 and 1986. They found that, during the past six decades, the most recent warming was about 450 percent higher than the earlier warming, suggesting a major increase in the rate of global climate change.

"It is critical to understand how fast things are changing," said John Abraham, co-author and professor of mechanical engineering at the University of St. Thomas in the United States. "And this is just the tip of the iceberg for what is to come."

Ocean warming can cause marine heatwaves, which can lead to major loss of marine life and the creation of hurricanes, scientists said.

According to the researchers, people can work to reverse their effect on the climate, but the ocean will take longer to respond than atmospheric and land environments. Since 1970, more than 90 percent of global warming heat has gone into the ocean, while less than 4 percent went into the land and atmosphere.

Do you remember?

25 years ago – 1995

Eric Danapilis, former St. Joseph High School and Notre Dame star, who plays Single-A baseball for the Detroit Tigers, said he is not ready to cross picket lines. But with major league baseball players continuing their strike and no agreement on the horizon, general managers are scouring their minor league rosters and free agent lists for replacement players. The teams will need approximately 700 players to fill opening-day rosters in April.

35 years ago – 1985

St. Joseph Today has launched a membership drive seeking individual patrons who are interested in promoting the city, according to Kathryn Zerler, executive director. Individual memberships are $30 and are tax deductible. St. Joseph Today operates on contributions from members. Promotional activities conducted by St. Joseph Today include the summer Brown Bag concerts, Farmers' Market and holiday fanfare during the Christmas season. It was organized as the promotional arm of downtown St. Joseph.

50 years ago – 1970

The House of David Jams and Jellies factory on Broad St. in St. Joseph, and another St. Joseph landmark, the old Baptist Children's Home on Langley Ave., have been determined unsafe by St. Joseph city commissioners. The buildings, both vacant, are gradually being wrecked by vandals and pose safety hazards. A hearing in 30 days will determine if the owners plan to bring the buildings up to code or tear them down.

Today in history

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 14, the 14th day of 2020. There are 352 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Jan. 14, 1994, President Bill Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed an accord to stop aiming missiles at any nation; the leaders joined Ukrainian President Leonid Kravchuk in signing an accord to dismantle the nuclear arsenal of Ukraine.

On this date:

In 1784, the United States ratified the Treaty of Paris ending the Revolutionary War; Britain followed suit in April 1784.

In 1914, Ford Motor Co. greatly improved its assembly-line operation by employing an endless chain to pull each chassis along at its Highland Park, Mich., plant.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and French General Charles de Gaulle opened a wartime conference in Casablanca.

In 1954, Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio were married at San Francisco City Hall. (The marriage lasted about nine months.)

In 1963, George C. Wallace was sworn in as governor of Alabama with the pledge, "Segregation forever!" – a view Wallace later repudiated.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Chance Rain	Mostly Cloudy	Rain & Snow Likely	Rain & Snow Likely
45°	30°	41° / 28°	33° / 26°	39° / 29°	37° / 21°

Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 45°, humidity of 72%. Southwest wind 9 to 14 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 30°. West southwest wind 2 to 13 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 28°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 8:12 a.m.
Sunset ..... 5:37 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 10:23 p.m.
Moonset ..... 11:02 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
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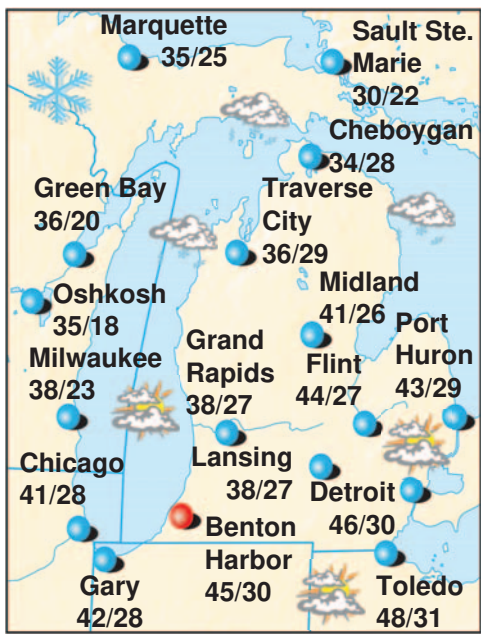
Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	35°
Low	33°
Normal High	31°
Normal Low	16°
Record High	52° in 2005
Record Low	-3° in 2009

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.01"
Month to date	2.93"
Normal for month	0.70"
Year to date	2.93"
Normal Year to date	0.70"

Air Quality

Yesterday 33
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

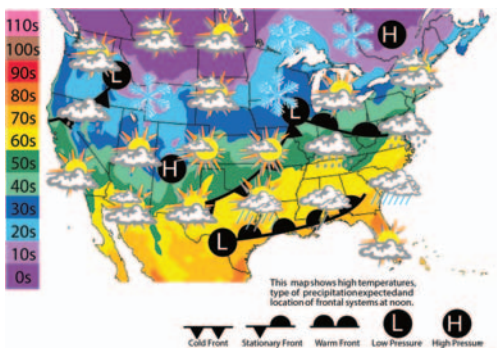
Weather Trivia

Does lightning strike from the sky to the ground or vice versa?

Answer: Lightning strikes from sky to ground and also from ground to sky.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Jan. 14, 2020



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, S wind 12 to 16 kt. Cloudy. Waves 2 to 4 ft. Water temperature 37 degrees. Tonight, W wind 5 to 14 kt. Partly cloudy. Waves 2 to 4 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with widespread snow, highs in the 30s. South southeast wind 9 to 13 mph. Expect cloudy skies Wednesday with widespread snow, highs in the 20s and 30s. South wind 2 to 5 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with highs in the 30s and 40s. Southwest wind 9 to 14 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with isolated rain, highs in the 30s and 40s. South southeast wind 2 to 10 mph.

SOUTH HAVEN

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water levels continuing to be well above average over this period and unlike last year, the Corps of Engineers forecasts that lakes Michigan and Huron will reach record-high levels this year.

"It is likely that water levels on lakes Michigan and Huron will set new monthly mean record high levels over the next couple of months," said John Allis, chief of the Great Lakes Hydraulics and Hydrology Office for the Corps' Detroit district. "This sets the stage for coastal impacts and damages in 2020 similar to, or worse than what was experienced last year."

South Haven city officials shelled out $67,000 in 2019 to deal with damage caused by high-water levels, but they have acknowledged much more will have to be spent to address flooding and erosion-related problems.

"We hope the state will issue a disaster declaration," City Manager Brian Dissette said. "We have shared documents with Sen. Aric Nesbitt, Van Buren County Emergency Management, and Fred Upton. We're trying to shake all the trees."

Dissette said the next step in seeking financial assistance is to ask the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners to formally appeal to the state a issue a disaster declaration for shoreline communities.

"It has to start at the county level and then go to the state," Dissette said. "We've been reporting our actual costs and anticipated costs to get to county leadership for consideration."

COLLINS

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the maximum he deserves," she told Judge Schrock. "He harmed others while he was trying to harm me. I'm sorry this happened. I just hope he gets what he deserves."

Klint daughter Tessa Simon gave an emotional speech, talking about her parents, sister and uncle and what their lives meant to everyone who knew them. "The love that disappeared from the earth that day was incalculable. … You've left me an orphan and the grief becomes harder to bear every day," she said.

"You are the man who took them from us," she told Collins. "My parents poured out their love and help to people like you. … If each of them was given the choice that day between their lives and yours, I believe they would have chosen your life even if it meant their deaths."

Pastors Chris Martin and Dalton Stanage traveled to Niles from Charlottesville, Va. to speak before the sentencing on behalf of the Williamson family. "We're here to celebrate the lives of four people who made our lives better and whose lives ended because of the irresponsible behavior of one man," Martin said.

"There's no way to articulate the depth of loss and pain Ken's wife feels," he added. "Their six children now have to live without his presence in their lives and numerous grandchildren yet to be born will have to rely on photographs and the memories of others. He was an award-winning filmmaker and a life shaper."

Both men, as well as Simon, urged Collins to turn his life over to God. "Your selfish act killed four people," Stanage said. "If you served 100 years in prison it would not be enough. … But all of us are sinners and all four of them would say they are with Christ now only through the grace of God. Your only hope is in the grace of God."

Assistant Prosecutor Gerald Vigansky asked for a sentence of life in prison. He took issue with statements Collins made after the accident blaming car malfunctions for the crash. "He claims the accelerator stuck and the brakes didn't work – that's a bunch of bull," he said. "He only started to tap the brakes one second before the accident."

"He is a menace to society back to the 1980s when he first drove drunk and left the scene of an accident," he added. "In this case, his actions were totally selfish. He hasn't learned anything. He needs to go to prison and stay there for the rest of his life."

Judge Schrock called it an "extraordinarily difficult case" in which all he could do was hand down a sentence that met the goals of punishment, deterrence, reformation and protection of the community. "No words said, no sentence meted out can address the loss of life and the pain of the survivors," he said.

Trump's faithful: 2020 tests his ties to white evangelicals

By ELANA SCHOR
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NEW YORK — White evangelical support for President Donald Trump has sparked debate for years – particularly this winter, with his impeachment trial looming. But for all the focus it commands, uncertainty continues to surround Trump's bond with a religious constituency that has long leaned GOP.

Trump won a clear majority of white evangelical Protestant votes in 2016, and about 8 in 10 of that group approved of his job performance in an AP-NORC poll conducted last month. But those evangelicals' alignment with the Republican Party predated Trump and has risen steadily since 2009, according to data from the nonpartisan Pew Research Center.

Given that Trump has not greatly outperformed his GOP predecessors with white evangelicals, why has his presidency drawn outsize attention to a relatively small religious bloc? It's partly because conservative evangelical leaders have amassed notable influence in Trump's administration. But another reason the relationship is scrutinized is that Trump's political vulnerability could grow if more white evangelicals sour on him over perceived moral missteps.

"Their support for Trump just doesn't match the story they've been telling about themselves since their evolution as a kind of active political group among conservatives," said Robert Jones, CEO of the Public Religion Research Institute, an independent Washington-based nonprofit.

Lynne Sladky / AP

Faith leaders pray with President Donald Trump during a Jan. 3 rally for evangelical supporters at the King Jesus International Ministry church in Miami. Trump's bond with white evangelical voters has long sparked debate. But misunderstandings persist about his support from a Christian voting bloc that favored the GOP long before he took office.

The prospect of white evangelicals defecting from Trump in greater numbers is an appealing one to his critics, including the Lincoln Project, an anti-Trump Republican group that last week tried to undercut his evangelical appeal in a video that asked whether he is "the best American Christians can do." Democrats also have grounded some arguments against Trump in moral values as they court voters of faith, including evangelicals.

Challenging Trump's hold on white evangelicals who have proven stalwart conservatives since the Reagan era may require flawed assumptions about their decision-making.

Evangelicals are generally defined by several traits, including a "born again" connection to their faith, an emphasis on sharing the gospel through evangelism or other activity, a view of the Bible as an essentially authoritative text, and a belief in the centrality of Jesus Christ's sacrifice through crucifixion. A majority of self-described white evangelicals have leaned GOP since Pew began its surveys in 1994, with about 6 in 10 identifying with or leaning toward the Republican Party starting with President Bill Clinton's administration. That proportion grew from 63 percent in 2009 to 77 percent in 2017.

Some who have bolstered the twice-divorced, occasionally profane Trump's credentials with white evangelicals warn against underestimating the current president's connection with those born-again Christian voters.

Conservative strategist Ralph Reed, among Trump's most prominent evangelical allies, said those who argue "erroneously and unconvincingly" that the president's support from that bloc "somehow represents a contradiction and hypocrisy" are missing the keys to his appeal.

Evangelical voters look for a candidate who aligns with their approach to key policies, Reed said, noting that "Trump was solid on the issues and remains so." Reed also singled out one quality that might appear to be a liability with religious voters – Trump's "counter-puncher" persona – as valuable in a bitterly partisan political environment.

"Does he occasionally say or tweet something evangelicals prefer he would not? Yes, he does," Reed said. "But in an overarching way, they believed many of the other people who ran against him weren't tough enough to withstand what they were going to get from the media and the Democrats."

Andrew Whitehead, an associate professor at Clemson University who studies Christian nationalism, said that Trump has achieved "a lot of" evangelical priorities, "no matter what he's done personally or whether he fits in line with their religious beliefs. He's privileged Christ in the public sphere and provided them access to those levers of power they've sought for decades."

Among the most frequently touted areas where Trump has made progress on evangelicals' goals are restricting funding for abortion access and installing new conservative judges on the federal bench.

What's harder to gauge, though, is whether the same criticisms of Trump's moral compass that have shown scant signs of fraying his popularity among self-described white evangelicals could bear fruit with other devout voters.

White evangelical Protestants account for just 16 percent of U.S. adults, according to Pew's data. But as that group's affinity for Trump propels more activism on the religious left – and makes the evangelical label itself more politically polarizing – some other voters of faith may be receptive to a case that Trump-era conservatives are not governing in accordance with Christian values.

BUTZBAUGH

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the system if they don't have a lawyer. It's grown over the years and is still on the second floor of the courthouse."

Cotter said Butzbaugh was well-respected on the state level – enough to be made the president of the State Bar of Michigan.

According to Herald-Palladium archives, the state bar in 2001 presented him with its highest honor, the Robert P. Hudson Award, for service to the organization, the legal profession and the public. He played a part in the state bar's effort to ensure equal access to the justice system for poor people.

Michigan Lawyers Weekly in August 2011 named him one of the 12 most influential lawyers and judges in the state over the past 25 years.

The Michigan Supreme Court in 2007 appointed Butzbaugh chief judge of the Berrien County Trial Court, the administrative head. As one of 11 judges in the county at the time, he handled cases in the Civil Division and later the Criminal Division.

Butzbaugh retired from the bench toward the end of 2012.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph.

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College Football Playoff

Results of Monday night's national championship game between LSU and Clemson were unavailable at deadline.

Uzelac 'Rocks on

Don Campbell / HP file photo

Benton Harbor coach Elliot Uzelac congratulates Johnnie Edwards after his singing of the National Anthem before the start of a football game against Muskegon Heights in 2016 at Benton Harbor High School. Uzelac has been named head coach at Berrien Springs.

Coach to lead Berrien Springs football at age 78

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

Elliot Uzelac turned around two local football programs coming off winless seasons. Now he's getting back into coaching at age 78 to lead an established winner.

Berrien Springs announced Uzelac as its new football coach Monday, replacing Bill Bergan. The Shamrocks have made six straight playoff appearances and had an unbeaten regular season in 2019.

"Bill has done an outstanding job," Uzelac said. "It'll be a real pleasure to take over a program that's so well-coached and so successful. I just want to continue that and hopefully take it to the next level."

Uzelac last coached at Benton Harbor in 2017. He said he wasn't necessarily looking to coach again, but the Berrien Springs job caught his interest.

The Shamrocks have invested heavily in their facilities and will debut a new turf field this season after playing home games at St. Joseph and Bridgman last year.

"The one thing I'm impressed with is how important winning is to them," Uzelac said. "You can see that with the money they're spending. They really want this to be a really special school in Southwest Michigan."

I'm in very good health, I have a lot of energy. I want to do it right and when I leave it will be taken over by someone on the staff. As long as I'm healthy, I'll keep rolling.

ELLIOT UZELAC
New Berrien Springs varsity football coach

Uzelac's long coaching history includes head coaching stints at Western Michigan and Navy, as well as time as an assistant with Michigan, Ohio State, and the Cleveland Browns.

Uzelac drew national attention during his three-year run as head coach at Benton Harbor. He guided the Tigers to their first-ever playoff appearance in 2015, then followed it up with an undefeated regular season in 2016. Over three seasons, his record was 21-11.

Uzelac first coached in the area at St. Joseph from 2006-10. He revived the Bears' program, going 45-13 and winning two district titles and a regional crown.

"Coach Uzelac brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Shamrocks," Berrien Springs athletic director Alan Alsbro said.

Uzelac said that he has the blessing of his wife Wendy, who previously encouraged him to take the Benton Harbor job.

"Wendy and I talked it over," Uzelac said. "I'm in very good health, I have a lot of energy. I want to do it right and when I leave it will be taken over by someone on the staff.

"As long as I'm healthy, I'll keep rolling."

The Shamrocks had a senior-laden roster last season, and Uzelac is eager to get to work with his new players.

"The makings are there for another successful run, but they'll be very inexperienced," Uzelac said. "They had a great senior class. They were really a great class. We really have to work hard and get these guys ready to play that are coming back."

Berrien Springs will hold a player-parent meeting for grades 8-11 at 12:30 p.m. Sunday in the high school cafeteria.

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Hinch, GM fired for Astros sign stealing after MLB bans pair

By RONALD BLUM AND KRISTIE RIEKEN
AP Sports Writers

HOUSTON — Astros manager AJ Hinch and general manager Jeff Luhnow were fired Monday after the pair were suspended by Major League Baseball for the team's use of electronics for sign-stealing during Houston's run to the 2017 World Series title and again in the 2018 season.

In U.S. sports' largest scandal since the New England Patriots' "Spygate," Commissioner Rob Manfred announced the discipline and strongly hinted that current Boston manager Alex Cora — the Astros bench coach in 2017 — will face equal or more severe punishment. Manfred said Cora developed the sign-stealing system used by the Astros. The Red Sox are under investigation for sign-stealing in Cora's first season as manager in 2018, when Boston won the World Series.

Matt Slocum / AP

Houston Astros manager A.J. Hinch holds the championship trophy after Game 7 of the World Series in 2017. Hinch and general manager Jeff Luhnow were fired Monday for sign-stealing by the team in the 2017 and 2018 seasons.

Houston was fined $5 million, the maximum allowed under the Major League Constitution, as punishment. The Astros will forfeit their next two first- and second-round amateur draft picks.

The investigation found that the Astros used the video feed from a center field camera to see and decode the opposing catcher's signs. Players banged on a trash can to signal to batters what was coming. Knowing what pitch is coming improves a batter's odds of getting a hit.

Sign-stealing is a legal and time-honored part of baseball as long as it is done with the naked eye — say, by a baserunner standing on second. Using technology is prohibited.

Astros players disputed whether knowing the pitches seconds in advance helped batters. Houston had fewer wins at home than on the road, winning 94 home games and 110 on the road during the two seasons. There was no sign-stealing system on the road.

"While it is impossible to determine whether the conduct actually impacted the results on the field, the

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Athlete Spotlight

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Coloma's Carissa Richmond holds her trophy after placing first in the Great Lakes Junior Gold Tuneup tournament at JAX60 Lanes in Jackson in June.

Carissa Richmond:

Coloma senior finds her niche on the lanes

By BEN SPENCER
HP Sports Writer

For Coloma's Carissa Richmond, bowling has been a passion since she was just three years old.

Richmond, now a senior on the Comets' girls bowling team, has helped lead defending state champion Coloma this season.

"Carissa has really come out of her shell this season and has stepped up as a senior leader," Comets coach Carley Burrell said. "She is performing extremely well under pressure as well this year, more than ever.

"I can easily say that Carissa is bowling the best she has her high school career, and she still has so much more to accomplish this year. I'm sure this won't be the last time you hear of her bowling for Coloma this season."

This season, Richmond has averaged right around 165 for the Comets. She also bowls competitively almost year-round.

"I'm used to the pressure and bowling competitively, because I bowl outside of the high school season," said Richmond. "I bowl in many other tournaments. It's not a specific league, but there's tours we can do, and I also bowled nationally last year."

Over the summer, Richmond participated in the 2019 Junior Gold Nationals, a tournament that features bowlers from across the country. She also participated in the DV8 Shootout, another national-level tournament, where she placed seventh to earn herself a little bit of scholarship money.

Richmond said she'd like to continue her bowling career at the collegiate level, though she is unsure where she will go to college after graduation.

Outside of bowling, Richmond plays clarinet in the school marching band. She carries a 3.8 GPA in the classroom.

What was it like to be a part of a state championship team?

Being a part of that team, it was really exciting. It was nerve-racking, because every pin counted at the time, and every shot mattered. It was nerve-racking, but all of our hard work paid off at the end when we got our title.

How did you first start getting into bowling?

I started bowling when I was three. My grandparents had a bowling league up in Grand Rapids, and we would get up every Saturday and head up there. We've been bowling since we were little.

Do other members of your family also bowl?

My mom coaches for South Haven and my brother bowled collegiately. My whole family has bowled my whole life.

Is there something you would say is your favorite thing about being a bowler?

I love the head-to-head, the tension and the competitiveness. I love all of the pressure. I feel like I thrive off (the pressure). It makes me do better.

What are your plans after finishing high school?

Once I'm done at Coloma, right now I'm looking to go to college at four different colleges. Two are in-state and two are out-of-state. All of them are bowling colleges.

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Analysis: Expansion could help balance college football scene

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Football Writer

NEW ORLEANS — College football has never had real parity.

The playoff format was created to give more teams a chance to win the national title, but in reality it has highlighted how few programs can even dream of doing so.

Playoff expansion is regularly brought up as a way to level the playing field. Even though four teams often seem like more than enough, the current playoff structure exacerbates the imbalance that limits the sport's growth.

The biggest impediment to parity in college football is talent distribution. Demographics, culture and population shifts have created a massive disparity of that heavily favors southern schools. When it comes to recruiting, each year the rich just get richer.

Playoff expansion would allow every team — though some more legitimately than others — to tell recruits: "Come here and you can play in the playoff."

Chuck Neinas was once the commissioner of the Big Eight and was interim commissioner of the Big 12 when the playoff was being developed by the leaders of the FBS conferences in 2011 and '12. He has been a proponent of an eight-team playoff, with Power Five conference champions receiving automatic bids along with at least one team from the other five FBS leagues.

"I think that would help encourage more popularity (of the playoff), because during the regular season the importance of being a

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In brief

Tigers sign veteran pitcher Iván Nova

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Tigers agreed to terms Monday on a $1.5 million, one-year deal with Iván Nova, keeping the right-hander in the AL Central after he spent last season with the Chicago White Sox.

Nova, who turned 33 on Sunday, went 11-12 with a 4.72 ERA last season, making a career-high 34 starts. He is 89-76 with a 4.32 ERA in 10 big league seasons with the White Sox, Pittsburgh Pirates and New York Yankees.

Detroit's deal with Nova includes $500,000 in performance bonuses. In recent years, the rebuilding Tigers have typically added pitchers on short-term deals, who can then become trade candidates if they pitch well. Nova fits that trend.

Earlier this offseason, the Tigers signed catcher Austin Romine, who was a teammate of Nova's with the Yankees.

The Tigers also designated left-hander Matt Hall for assignment.

Nova went 16-4 with the Yankees in 2011, but he has not had an ERA under 4.00 since 2013.

White Sox hire new managers in minors

CHICAGO (AP) — The White Sox will have new managers at Triple-A Charlotte and Double-A Birmingham next season as well as new hitting and pitching coordinators.

Wes Helms is joining Chicago's farm system as the manager at Charlotte. Justin Jirschele moves to Birmingham after managing Class A Winston-Salem.

Former major league first baseman Ben Broussard takes over as hitting coordinator after serving as the leadership and development coordinator from 2018-19. And Everett Teaford is Chicago's pitching coordinator after working two seasons as the assistant pitching coordinator.

Former White Sox pitcher Danny Farquhar, whose career was shortened by a brain aneurysm during a game in 2018, is the pitching coach at Winston-Salem.

Cubs trade Kemp to A's for Rivas

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Tony Kemp, a left-handed-hitting infielder and outfielder, was acquired by the Oakland Athletics from the Chicago Cubs on Monday for minor league infielder Alfonso Rivas.

The versatile Kemp began last season with Houston, where he played from 2016-2018.

Kemp batted .212 with eight home runs and 29 RBIs over 110 games between the Astros and Cubs last year. He started 30 games at second base, nine in left field, nine in center field and three in right field.

Rivas batted a combined .292 with nine homers and 60 RBIs over 122 games between Single-A Stockton — 114 games there — and Triple-A Las Vegas.

Australian Open practice suspended by air quality issues

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Smoke haze and poor air quality caused by wildfires temporarily suspended practice sessions for the Australian Open at Melbourne Park on Tuesday, but qualifying began later in the morning.

Tennis Australia said onsite conditions were improving and were being constantly monitored.

Organizers said further decisions on match scheduling would be made using onsite data and in close consultation with its medical team, the Bureau of Meteorology, and scientists from the Environmental Protection Agency in Victoria state.

Melbourne started the day with hazardous air pollution as smoke from wildfires in Victoria's east and in southern New South Wales state drifted through.

Airwaves

Television today

2:00 p.m. (Golf) **PGA Korn Ferry Tour Golf** The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic, Third Round. (Live)
6:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Nebraska at Ohio State. (Live) (CC)
7:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Duke at Clemson. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Ole Miss at Florida. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **NHL Hockey** Detroit Red Wings at New York Islanders. (Live)
(NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Minnesota Wild at Pittsburgh Penguins. (Live)
7:30 p.m. (NBCSCH) **NHL Hockey** Chicago Blackhawks at Ottawa Senators. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Iowa at Northwestern. (Live) (CC)
8:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** DePaul at Villanova. (Live) (CC)
9:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Kansas at Oklahoma. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Maryland at Wisconsin. (Live)
11:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** San Diego State at Fresno State. (Live)

Wednesday

1:30 p.m. (Golf) **PGA Korn Ferry Tour Golf** The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic, Final Round. (Live)
6:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Seton Hall at Butler. (Live) (CC)
7:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Indiana at Rutgers. (Live) (CC)
(ESPN) **NBA Basketball** Brooklyn Nets at Philadelphia 76ers. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Virginia at Florida State. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **NBA Basketball** Detroit Pistons at Boston Celtics. (Live)
7:30 p.m. (NBCSCH) **NHL Hockey** Chicago Blackhawks at Montreal Canadiens. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (Golf) **Asian Tour Golf** SMBC Singapore Open, First Round. (Live)
(NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Philadelphia Flyers at St. Louis Blues. (Live)
8:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** St. John's at Providence. (Live) (CC)
9:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Penn State at Minnesota. (Live) (CC)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Auburn at Alabama. (Live)
9:30 p.m. (ESPN) **NBA Basketball** Portland Trail Blazers at Houston Rockets. (Live)
12:00 a.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship, First Round. (Live)

Radio today

7 p.m.
High school basketball — Benton Harbor at Grandville (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)
High school basketball — South Haven at Dowagiac (WCSY-FM, 103.7)

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Detroit Lions hire Cory Undlin as defensive coordinator

By DAVE BIRKETT
Detroit Free Press (TNS)

DETROIT — Matt Patricia is reaching back to his New England Patriots roots for the Detroit Lions' new defensive coordinator.

The Lions hired Philadelphia Eagles defensive backs coach Cory Undlin on Monday to run their defense. ESPN first reported the hiring.

Undlin spent the past five years with the Eagles, but got his start in the NFL as a defensive assistant with the Patriots in 2004, the same year Patricia entered the league as a coaching assistant in New England.

He initially will not call plays for the Lions, according to the Philadelphia Inquirer.

The Lions beat the Eagles for one of their three wins this season, and before the game Patricia referenced his friendship with Undlin and the mix of coverages they use in the secondary.

"They've had a couple moving parts back there, and I think those guys are just trying to understand the techniques that they're teaching," Patricia said. "Cory Undlin, who actually coaches the secondary, is a good friend of mine and I know he's got those guys working really hard."

Undlin, 48, replaces Paul Pasqualoni as defensive coordinator, though Patricia ran much of the defense this season when the Lions were in the bottom third of the league in most categories.

They finished 31st in total defense, allowing their most yards (400.4 per game) since their winless season of 2008; were 26th in points allowed (26.4 ppg); were last against the pass (284.4 ypg); and blew second-half leads in seven of their 16 games.

The Eagles, who won the NFC East this season and lost in the wild-card round of the playoffs, finished 19th in the NFL against the pass (241.6 ypg) despite having significant injuries in their secondary.

The Lions struggled defensively even though they invested heavily in the offseason.

They signed defensive end Trey Flowers to a five-year, $90 million contract at the start of free agency, made Justin Coleman the highest-paid slot cornerback in the NFL, and added one year and $11 million to Damon Harrison's contract this summer.

Flowers, coming off February shoulder surgery, finished with seven sacks. Coleman had an up-and-down season in coverage, but did force three fumbles. And Harrison said after a Week 17 loss to the Green Bay Packers that he's considering retirement.

The Lions could make big changes to the unit again this year, with starters A'Shawn Robinson, Tavon Wilson and Rashaan Melvin all ticketed for free agency in March, and a decision pending on whether to trade, keep or extend cornerback Darius Slay.

Should the Lions want to add secondary help in free agency, Eagles starters Ronald Darby and Rodney McLeod are unrestricted free agents.

The Lions have parted ways with eight coaches since the end of the regular season, including Pasqualoni, special teams coordinator John Bonamego and strength coach Harold Nash.

They hired 33-year-old Brayden Coombs to replace Bonamego on Saturday, and are still looking for assistants to run their linebacking corps, secondary, tight ends and strength program.

Senior Bowl executive director Jim Nagy told the Free Press over the weekend that the Lions told the NFL they planned to have a full staff in place before next week, when they travel to Mobile, Alabama, to coach the North team in the Jan. 25 college all-star game.

"I did follow up with the league office after Detroit was approved and I was like, 'Didn't I just see them let go of eight coaches?' " Nagy said. "And they're like, 'They have given us every assurance that they will have a full staff in place.' "

Tony Avelar / AP

San Francisco quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo, left, greets Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers after a game on Nov. 25.

A different challenge

49ers expect tougher test from Packers in NFC championship

By JOSH DUBOW
AP Pro Football Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — When Aaron Rodgers greeted Jimmy Garoppolo following the least productive start of his sterling career he had a simple message for the San Francisco 49ers quarterback: "We'll see you later on."

Less than two months after that lopsided loss, the Green Bay Packers quarterback has proven prophetic. For the eighth time in the past 25 seasons Green Bay and San Francisco are squaring off in the postseason, this time with a berth in the Super Bowl on the line.

"We know it will be different," 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan said. "That game got away from them early. That's definitely not the team we'll see this week. Everyone knows how good Green Bay is, how good their coaching staff is, how good their players are, how good their quarterback is. ... That game really holds zero relevance to what's going to happen this Sunday."

The Packers (14-3) looked nothing like a Super Bowl contender back on Nov. 24 when they were completely overwhelmed by the 49ers (14-3) from the start. Rodgers was strip-sacked by Fred Warner on the opening drive and Nick Bosa returned the fumble to the 2, setting up Tevin Coleman's TD run.

The Niners added a couple of field goals and got a fourth-down stop against Aaron Jones before breaking that game open at the end of the first half with a 42-yard TD pass from Garoppolo to Deebo Samuel and a third field goal from Chase McLaughlin in the final 65 seconds of the half to make it 23-0.

Rodgers threw a TD pass in the third quarter to Davante Adams only to have the Niners answer two plays later on a 61-yard pass to George Kittle, and the rout was on. The 37-8 final was the second-most lopsided loss in Rodgers' career in a game he didn't get injured.

"I'd like to think we've improved through the course of the season, especially the last six weeks or whatever it's been," coach Matt LaFleur said Monday. "Certainly I don't think we played our best that day. You got to give them a lot of credit, there's probably a reason for that. That's a really talented football team. We know that. But in order to compete with them, in order to have a chance to beat them, we're going to have to be at our best."

Rodgers finished the game 20 for 33 for 104 yards and had a career low with only 3.15 yards per attempt. He was also sacked five times for 38 yards, with right tackle Bryan Bulaga leaving early in the first quarter with a knee injury. The 1.9 net yards per pass play were the lowest for the Packers since 1991, the year before Brett Favre arrived.

"We've got to play a lot better, obviously," Rodgers said. "They're a great football team, have a great front, obviously get after the passer and don't need to rush a lot of guys to do that. (They have an) excellent pass rush, really good on the back end, smart."

The Packers haven't lost since, winning the final five games of the regular season and then the playoff opener over Seattle 28-23 on Sunday to set up the rematch. San Francisco beat Minnesota 27-10 on Saturday.

Green Bay should have Bulaga back even though he missed Sunday's game with an illness. The Niners also are healthier with edge rusher Dee Ford, left tackle Joe Staley, linebacker Kwon Alexander and running back Matt Brieda all back after missing that game.

But regular-season blowouts don't always repeat when the teams meet again in the playoffs. There have been 23 times in the Super Bowl era, excluding one replacement player game in 1987, that a team lost a regular-season game by at least 28 points to a team it met again in the playoffs.

In nine of those cases, the team that got blown out earlier in the season came back to win in the playoffs, and in six other games the team lost by a touchdown or less.

Shanahan said he doesn't believe his players will be complacent because of the lopsided win two months ago but has a message for them if they do.

"Don't be that stupid because that's not real," he said. "This is about Sunday's game. I can give a thousand stories of things like that, playing games in my history I've been a part of."

No match-up has occurred as frequently in the past quarter-century, with the eighth meeting this week putting Green Bay-San Francisco three games ahead of any other rivalry. In fact, the only teams to play more than eight times in the postseason in the Super Bowl era are the Rams and Cowboys, who met for the ninth time last January.

Pistons lose in overtime

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT — Lonzo Ball scored five of his 17 points in overtime and the New Orleans Pelicans beat the Detroit Pistons 117-110 on Monday in a matchup of injury-depleted teams.

The Pistons are still missing starters Blake Griffin (knee), Luke Kennard (knee) and Reggie Jackson (back), while the Pelicans played without their top three scorers — Brandon Ingram (knee), Jrue Holiday (elbow) and JJ Redick (hamstring) — along with Derrick Favors (hamstring) and Zion Williamson (knee).

Detroit, which trailed by 16 with 11 minutes to play, tied the game at 100 on Derrick Rose's bank shot with 30 seconds left. E'Twaun Moore missed two short jumpers, giving Detroit the ball with 14 seconds remaining, but Rose missed at the buzzer.

The Pelicans opened overtime with a 9-2 run, including five points from Ball, and Rose had two turnovers in the last 90 seconds.

Celtics 113, Bulls 101

BOSTON — Jayson Tatum scored 21 points, Jaylen Brown 19 and the Boston Celtics coasted to a 113-101 victory over the Chicago Bulls Monday night.

Enes Kanter had 15 points and nine rebounds, Kemba Walker added 14 points and Marcus Smart had 12 points for Boston, which won its second straight after a season-high three-game losing streak.

Zach LaVine led the Bulls with 30 points, including a couple of highlight dunks. Thaddeus Young added 17 points for Chicago, which has lost seven of eight.

The Bulls trailed by 55-37 at halftime, but came out with a 17-5 run over the initial 4 minutes of the second half.

Lavine had six points in the spree.

Chicago cut its large deficit at intermission to six points twice in the third, the last 67-61 on Kris Dunn's 3-pointer from directly in front of Boston's bench, but the Celtics closed the quarter with an 8-2 spurt to take an 83-71 edge into the fourth.

HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

By HP STAFF

GIRLS BASKETBALL

BRANDYWINE 58, BENTON HARBOR 26

BRANDYWINE (58)
Malikiyyah Abdullah 5 0-0 12, Cortney Bates 4 0-0 12, Zakiyyah Abdullah 4 3-5 11, Alexis Rhodes 3 2-3 8, Kennedy Byrd 2 4-4 8, Megan Schmidt 2 0-2 5, Alysa Adamczyk 1 0-0 2. Totals: 21 9-14 58.
BENTON HARBOR (26)
J. Jordan 6 0-0 12, S. Perkins 2 2-4 6, D. Kyles 3 0-0 6, K. Nichols 1 0-5 2, E. Bell 0 0-2 0, A. Johnson 0 0-2 0. Totals: 12 2-13 26.
Brandywine 18 16 21 3 – 58
Benton Harbor 0 6 10 10 – 26
3-point goals – Brandywine 7 (Bates 4, M. Abdullah 2, Schmidt). Total fouls – Berrien Springs 13, Brandywine 7. Fouled out – None. Technical fouls – None. Records – Brandywine 8-0, Benton Harbor 2-7.

NILES 60, BERRIEN SPRINGS 13

NILES (60)
Alycia Patterson 7 0-0 16, Kamryn Patterson 6 0-0 15, Amara Palmer 4 2-2 10, Morgan Warren 2 3-7 7, Reese Davies 2 0-0 4, Alexis Rauch 1 0-0 2, Natalie Lucero 1 0-0 2, Bailey Bickel 0 2-2 2. Totals: 24 7-12 60.
BERRIEN SPRINGS (13)
Maggie Griffiths 2 0-0 4, Emma Tyson 1 0-0 3, Taneye Shivers 1 0-2 2, Zoe Dortch 1 0-0 2, Ny'Ja Eddie 0 2-2 2. Totals: 5 2-4 13.
Niles 15 14 14 17 – 60
Berrien Springs 4 7 0 2 – 13
3-point goals – Niles 5 (K. Patterson 3, A. Patterson 2), Berrien Springs 1 (Tyson). Total fouls – Berrien Springs 15, Niles 5. Fouled out – None. Technical Fouls – None. Records – Niles 5-2, Berrien Springs 4-5.

BOYS BASKETBALL

LAWTON 65, MICHIGAN LUTHERAN 31

LAWTON (65)
Chase Mitchell 10 2-4 22, Jake Rueff 5 0-0 12, Alex Rueff 3 0-0 9, Andy Stermer 2 2-2 6, Dustin Nobl 1 2-2 4, Austin Burns 2 0-0 4, Connor Devries 2 0-0 4, Harrison Maymard 1 0-0 2, Aidan Adams 1 0-0 2. Totals: 27 6-8 65.
M LUTHERAN (31)
Semenak 4 0-0 9, Rosenbaum 2 0-0 4, Plocher 1 2-4 4, Erby 2 0-2 4, Ritter 1 0-0 3, Taylor 0 3-4 3, Ramirez 1 0-0 2, Deweerd 1 0-0 2. Totals: 12 5-10 31.
Lawton 23 20 8 14 – 65
M Lutheran 8 8 8 7 – 31
3-point goals – Lawton 5 (A. Rueff 3, J. Rueff 2), M Lutheran 2 (Deweerd, Semenak). Total fouls – Lawton 15, M Lutheran 9. Fouled out – None. Technical Fouls – None. Records – Lawton 2-4, M Lutheran 2-3.

LAKE MICHIGAN CATHOLIC 39, LAWRENCE 32

Lawrence – Kaylee Stroud 13 points, Catalina Mancera 7 points
Complete results unavailable

BOYS BOWLING

COLOMA 30, KALAMAZOO CHRISTIAN 0

Team totals – Coloma 1612, Kal. Christian 1211.
Baker games – Coloma 156, Kal. Christian 91; Coloma 139, Kal. Christian 118.
Coloma individuals (2 games) – Charlie Cullitan 340, Jonathan Swetay 300, Ryan Wilson 371, Damian Gomez 298.
Kal. Christian individuals (2 games) – Mike Keckler 239, Paul Spunell 235, Brandon Miller 282, Dylan Brown 244.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

AREA STANDINGS
Through Saturday's games
GIRLS
SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
West Division

	Div	Overall
Portage Central	3-0	6-1
St. Joseph	3-0	5-3
Niles	2-1	4-2
Lakeshore	1-2	2-4
Mattawan	0-3	3-5
Portage Northern	0-3	1-6

East Division

	Div	Overall
BC Central	2-1	7-2
Kal. Central	2-1	4-5
BC Lakeview	1-1	5-3
Gull Lake	1-1	3-4
Kal. Loy Norrix	0-2	2-6

WOLVERINE CONFERENCE
North Division

	Div	Overall
Plainwell	3-0	4-2
Otsego	1-1	3-4
Paw Paw	1-1	2-4
South Haven	1-2	1-6
Allegan	0-2	3-5

South Division

	Div	Overall
Three Rivers	2-0	6-0
Edwardsburg	2-1	7-1
Sturgis	2-1	5-4
Vicksburg	0-2	4-4
Dowagiac	0-2	0-6

BERRIEN-CASS-ST. JOSEPH CONFERENCE
Red Division

	Div	Overall
Brandywine	3-0	7-0
Buchanan	3-0	6-1
Berrien Springs	2-1	4-4
Comstock	1-2	1-5
Bridgman	0-3	1-7
Parchment	0-3	0-8

White Division

	Div	Overall
Michigan Lutheran	5-0	7-0
New Buffalo	3-1	6-1
River Valley	3-2	4-4
Lawrence	3-2	3-6
Lake Michigan Catholic	2-3	3-3
Howardsville Christian	1-3	1-3
Covert	0-3	0-3
Countryside	0-4	0-4

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
Lakeshore Division

	Div	Overall
Martin	3-0	8-0
Gobles	3-0	7-0
Fennville	2-1	4-3
Coloma	1-2	2-6
Saugatuck	0-3	3-5
Watervliet	0-3	1-7

Valley Division

	Div	Overall
Schoolcraft	4-0	5-1
Kal. Christian	3-1	5-3
Kal. Hackett	2-1	4-3
Galesburg-Augusta	1-2	4-4
Constantine	1-2	3-4
Delton Kellogg	1-3	4-4
Lawton	0-3	0-7

SOUTHWEST 10 CONFERENCE

	Conf	Overall
Centreville	7-0	8-0
Decatur	5-1	7-1
Bloomingdale	5-1	5-3
Hartford	4-2	5-2
White Pigeon	4-2	5-3
Marcellus	3-3	4-3
Mendon	1-4	2-4
Cassopolis	1-4	1-4
Bangor	0-6	1-6
Eau Claire	0-6	0-7

INDEPENDENT

	Overall
Benton Harbor	2-6

BOYS
SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
West Division

	Div	Overall
Lakeshore	2-0	5-0
Portage Central	2-0	5-0
St. Joseph	1-1	2-4
Niles	1-1	2-4
Portage Northern	0-2	2-3
Mattawan	0-2	0-5

East Division

	Div	Overall
Kal. Central	3-0	4-2
Gull Lake	2-0	3-3
BC Lakeview	0-1	5-1
Kal. Loy Norrix	0-2	2-6
BC Central	0-2	1-6

WOLVERINE CONFERENCE
North Division

	Div	Overall
Otsego	1-0	6-1
South Haven	1-1	4-2
Paw Paw	1-1	4-3
Plainwell	1-1	1-5
Allegan	0-1	1-6

South Division

	Div	Overall
Dowagiac	2-0	3-4
Edwardsburg	1-1	4-3
Sturgis	1-1	3-3
Vicksburg	0-1	2-4
Three Rivers	0-1	3-2

BERRIEN-CASS-ST. JOSEPH CONFERENCE
Red Division

	Div	Overall
Brandywine	2-0	6-0
Buchanan	1-1	3-1
Bridgman	1-1	5-3
Parchment	1-1	2-3
Comstock	1-1	2-3
Berrien Springs	0-2	2-3

White Division

	Div	Overall
River Valley	4-0	6-2
New Buffalo	3-0	3-1
Howardsville Christian	3-1	4-2
Countryside	2-1	2-2
Michigan Lutheran	1-2	2-2
Lawrence	1-3	2-5
Lake Michigan Catholic	1-4	1-4
Covert	0-4	0-5

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
Lakeshore Division

	Div	Overall
Fennville	3-0	5-1
Gobles	2-1	4-2
Coloma	2-1	4-3
Martin	2-1	2-4
Watervliet	0-3	2-4
Saugatuck	0-3	1-5

Valley Division

	Div	Overall
Schoolcraft	4-0	7-0
Kal. Christian	3-1	4-3
Kal. Hackett	2-1	3-3
Constantine	1-2	2-3
Lawton	1-2	1-4
Delton Kellogg	1-3	3-3
Galesburg-Augusta	0-3	1-4

SOUTHWEST 10 CONFERENCE

	Conf	Overall
Bloomingdale	4-0	6-0
Cassopolis	4-0	4-1
Marcellus	3-1	4-1
Hartford	3-1	3-2
Eau Claire	2-2	3-2
Centreville	2-2	3-3
White Pigeon	1-3	1-4
Decatur	1-3	1-4
Mendon	0-4	0-4
Bangor	0-4	0-5

INDEPENDENT

	Overall
Benton Harbor	7-1

AP Michigan girls basketball poll
The top 10 teams in the Michigan Associated Press high school basketball poll, with records in parentheses. Totals are based on 15 points for a first-place vote, 14 for second,etc.:

Division 1

School	Total	Points
1. Hartland (3)	(6-0)	72
2. East Lansing (1)	(6-1)	68
3. Hudsonville (1)	(7-0)	63
4. Macomb Dakota	(8-0)	57
5. Farmington Hills Mercy	(8-0)	49
6. Bloomfield Hills Marian	(6-1)	45
7. Flint Carman Ainsworth	(8-0)	44
8. Brighton	(6-0)	40
9. East Grand Rapids	(7-1)	31
10. Midland	(8-0)	30

Others receiving votes: Detroit Renaissance 27, West Bloomfield 14, Temperance Bedford 14, Rockford 13.

Division 2

School	Total	Points
1. Detroit Edison (5)	(8-0)	75
2. Grand Rapids Christian	(7-0)	70
3. Williamston	(7-2)	62
4. Three Rivers	(6-0)	59
(tie) Wayland	(8-0)	59
6. Parma Western	(7-1)	50
7. Menominee	(8-0)	32
(tie) Bay City John Glenn	(7-2)	32
(tie) Chelsea	(6-1)	32
10. Cadillac	(6-0)	29

Others receiving 12 or more votes: Portland 28, **Buchanan 17**, Eaton Rapids 12.

Division 3

School	Total	Points
1. Grass Lake (3)	(8-1)	72
2. Kent City (1)	(7-0)	66
3. Pewamo-Westphalia	(6-2)	61
4. Ypsilanti Arbor Preparatory	(7-3)	53
5. Manton (1)	(8-0)	51
6. Lake City	(7-0)	50
7. Byron	(7-0)	45
8. Flint Hamady	(6-1)	39
9. Centreville	(8-0)	33
10. Brandywine	**(7-0)**	**32**

Others receiving 12 or more votes: Maple City Glen Lake 21, Gobles 18, Springport 14, Royal Oak Shrine 14.

Division 4

School	Total	Points
1. Adrian Lenawee Chr. (4)	(6-1)	60
2. St. Ignace LaSalle	(5-1)	54
3. Pittsford	(9-0)	51
4. Bellaire	(7-0)	37
(tie) Pickford	(9-0)	37
6. M Pleasant Sacred Heart	(8-0)	36
7. Kingston	(7-0)	35
8. Athens	(6-1)	31
9. Martin	(8-0)	29
10. Michigan Lutheran	**(7-0)**	**25**

Others receiving 12 or more votes: Allen Park Inter-City Baptist 16, Felch North Dickinson 15, Walkerville 15, Ewen-Trout Creek 14.

AP Michigan boys basketball poll
The top 10 teams in the Michigan Associated Press high school basketball poll, with records in parentheses. Totals are based on 15 points for a first-place vote, 14 for second,etc.:

Division 1

School	Total	Points
1. Orchard Lake St. Mary's (5)	(6-0)	75
2. Clarkston	(6-1)	67
3. River Rouge	(6-1)	63
4. Ypsilanti Lincoln	(3-1)	59
5. Ann Arbor Huron	(6-0)	53
6. Detroit Cass Tech	(6-1)	50
7. Grand Blanc	(6-2)	45
8. Muskegon	(3-1)	38
9. Hudsonville	(6-0)	29
10. Waterford Mott	(4-2)	27

Others receiving 12 or more votes: Mount Pleasant (6-0) 23, East Lansing (5-0, 6-0) 18, Detroit King (7-2) 14.

Division 2

School	Total	Points
1. Williamston (1)	(7-1)	52
2. Bridgeport (1)	(7-0)	48
3. Grand Rapids Christian (3)	(6-0)	45
4. Clio	(7-0)	43
5. Grand Rapids Catholic	(5-1)	42
6. Detroit Douglass	(7-1)	40
(tie) Benton Harbor	**(7-1)**	**40**
8. Goodrich	(6-0)	38
9. Croswell-Lexington	(7-1)	30
10. Ionia (1)	(7-0)	29

Others receiving votes: Fremont 26, Hudsonville Unity Christian 25, Cadillac 22, Ferndale 20, Ovid-Elsie 19, Shepherd 18, Lansing Catholic 17.

Division 3

School	Total	Points
1. Flint Beecher (3)	(6-1)	72
2. Iron Mountain (2)	(6-0)	69
3. Detroit Edison PSA	(4-2)	52
4. Detroit Loyola	(7-0)	49
5. Hanover-Horton	(4-1)	47
6. McBain	(5-0)	34
(tie) Schoolcraft	(7-0)	34
8. Ravenna	(7-0)	33
9. Pewamo-Westphalia	(5-1)	29
10. Oscoda	(5-0)	28

Others receiving votes: Maple City Glen Lake 27, Hemlock (5-0) 22, Potterville 18, Lake City 14, **Brandywine 12.**

Division 4

School	Total	Points
1. Southfield Christian (4)	(4-2)	60
2. Frankfort-Elberta (1)	(6-0)	52
3. Kingston	(6-0)	51
4. Dollar Bay	(6-0)	50
5. Hale	(6-0)	38
6. Pellston	(5-0)	36
7. Camden-Frontier	(7-1)	32
8. Flint International	(6-0)	26
9. Hillsdale Academy	(6-1)	24
10. Rudyard	(6-1)	20

Others receiving votes: Mio Au Sable 17, Fulton-Middleton 16.

BOWLING

KELLEY'S BOWL
WILDLIFE SENIORS – Ken Klutts 717 (247), Dan Symonds 689, Andy Stansberry Sr. 633, Marc Rankin 628, Randy Newboles 627, Gladys Hunter 563 (224), Linda Dockham 534 (202), Connie Koth 532, Nancy John.
FRIDAY NITE MIXED – Nate Schuman 627 (235), Larry Schluttz 615 (244), Rob Retz 603 (222), Michele Briney 616 (227). Team scores: Strokers 2273 (810), Fro Pro's 2201 (790), Regulators 2031 (689).
MILLER LITE MIXED – Justin Wade 709 (268), Dave Ellis 584, Tom Weidner 545, Robert Ginter 544, Tami Rath 534, Barb Berry 478.
LAKESHORE LASSIES – Tricia Morris 729 (257), brandy Antonowitsch 602 (213), Alanna Swetay 575 (258), Nicki Brose 568 (203), Di Evans 552, Desi Williams 524, Karyn Fricke 523, Linda Dockham 515 (201).
BERRIEN GUTTER GALS – Gladys Hunter 557 (222), Diana Nash 526 (200), Debbie Durren 511, Kim Keith 487, Gloria Hess 482, Pat Bohanek 465. Team score: Nash 1,498 (566).

AREA SCHEDULE

Today
Boys basketball
Kal. Loy Norrix at Lakeshore, 7
Buchanan at Niles, 7
Benton Harbor at Grandville, 7
St. Joseph at Gull Lake, 7
Constantine at Berrien Springs, 7
Lake Michigan Catholic at Lawrence, 7
South Haven at Dowagiac, 7:15
Watervliet at Brandywine, 7:30
Michigan Lutheran at Covert, 7:30
Countryside at River Valley, 7:30
Decatur at Centreville, 7:30
White Pigeon at Eau Claire, 7:30
Marcellus at Hartford, 7:30
Bloomingdale at Cassopolis, 7:30
Girls basketball
Kal. Loy Norrix at Lakeshore, 5:45
Michigan Lutheran at Covert, 6
Howardsville Christian at New Buffalo, 6
Countryside at River Valley, 6
Dowagiac at South Haven, 6:30
Niles at Schoolcraft, 7
Brandywine at Fennville, 7
Gull Lake at St. Joseph, 7:15
Centreville at Decatur, 7:30
Eau Claire at White Pigeon, 7:30
Hartford at Marcellus, 7:30
Cassopolis at Bloomingdale, 7:30
Boys swimming
Plainwell at South Haven, 6
Competitive cheer
Coloma at Lawton, 6
Bowling
South Haven at Otsego (Eastland Bowl), 5
Wednesday
Wrestling
Lakeshore at St. Joseph, 6
Niles at Portage Northern, 6
Dowagiac, Vicksburg at Plainwell, 6
South Haven, Allegan at Otsego, 5:30
Watervliet, Coloma at Constantine, 6
Berrien Springs at Lawrence, 6
Buchanan, Brandywine, Benton Harbor at River Valley, 6
Bangor, Bloomingdale at Decatur, 6
Eau Claire, Hartford, Marcellus at Mendon, 6
Competitive cheer
Dowagiac, South Haven at Allegan, 6
Bowling
Kal. Hackett at Coloma (Kelley's Bowl), 3:30
College basketball
LMC men at Kellogg CC, 7:30
LMC women at Kellogg CC. 5:30

NBA

Sunday's Games
New York 124, Miami 121
Utah 127, Washington 116
Brooklyn 108, Atlanta 86
Memphis 122, Golden State 102
San Antonio 105, Toronto 104
Phoenix 100, Charlotte 92
Denver 114, L.A. Clippers 104
Monday's Games
New Orleans 117, Detroit 110, OT
Indiana 101, Philadelphia 95
Boston 113, Chicago 101
Oklahoma City 117, Minnesota 104
Charlotte at Portland
Orlando at Sacramento
Cleveland at L.A. Lakers
Today's Games
Phoenix at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Memphis, 8 p.m.
New York at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Dallas at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

CELTICS 113, BULLS 101

CHICAGO (101)
Dunn 3-7 2-3 9, Markkanen 4-9 1-2 9, Gafford 4-5 2-2 10, LaVine 9-18 9-9 30, Satoransky 3-8 6-8 12, Young 8-14 0-0 17, Felicio 0-0 0-0 0, Kornet 0-2 0-0 0, Hutchison 1-5 0-0 2, Arcidiacono 0-2 0-0 0, Harrison 0-1 1-2 1, Valentine 2-2 0-0 5, White 3-8 0-0 6. Totals 37-81 21-26 101.
BOSTON (113)
Hayward 4-11 0-0 8, Tatum 7-17 5-7 21, Kanter 7-9 1-1 15, Brown 5-13 9-9 19, Walker 5-9 1-2 14, Green 0-0 0-0 0, Langford 0-0 2-2 2, Ojeleye 0-0 0-0 0, Poirier 0-3 2-2 2, Williams 4-8 2-2 11, Smart 4-8 2-2 12, Wanamaker 3-5 2-2 9. Totals 39-83 26-29 113.
Chicago 14 23 34 30 — 101
Boston 28 27 28 30 — 113
3-Point Goals-Chicago 6-25 (LaVine 3-6, Dunn 1-2, Young 1-4, Arcidiacono 0-2, Kornet 0-2, Markkanen 0-3, White 0-4), Boston 9-23 (Walker 3-6, Smart 2-5, Tatum 2-7, Williams 1-2). Fouled Out-None. Rebounds-Chicago 38 (Markkanen 6), Boston 43 (Kanter 9). Assists-Chicago 16 (Satoransky 7), Boston 28 (Hayward, Smart 8). Total Fouls-Chicago 22, Boston 19. A-19,156 (18,624)

PELICANS 117, PISTONS 110 (OT)

NEW ORLEANS (117)
Melli 7-11 4-4 20, Moore 6-19 3-4 16, Okafor 11-21 3-3 25, Ball 7-23 0-2 17, Hart 3-8 2-2 11, Cheatham 1-1 0-0 2, Hayes 2-3 4-6 8, Alexander-Walker 1-4 3-3 5, F.Jackson 5-13 3-3 13. Totals 43-103 22-27 117.
DETROIT (110)
Doumbouya 6-9 2-2 16, Snell 0-4 0-0 0, Drummond 5-14 1-4 11, Brown 5-9 1-2 12, Mykhailiuk 4-8 2-2 13, Morris 2-12 2-2 7, Wood 5-11 6-6 18, Maker 0-1 2-2 2, Bone 0-2 0-0 0, Galloway 3-6 0-0 8, Rose 10-23 3-4 23. Totals 40-99 19-24 110.
New Orleans 32 31 26 13 15 — 117
Detroit 23 29 25 25 8 — 110
3-Point Goals-New Orleans 9-26 (Hart 3-5, Ball 3-9, Melli 2-4, Moore 1-3, F.Jackson 0-4), Detroit 11-32 (Mykhailiuk 3-6, Wood 2-3, Doumbouya 2-4, Galloway 2-4, Brown 1-2, Morris 1-6, Rose 0-3, Snell 0-3). Fouled Out-None. Rebounds-New Orleans 61 (Okafor 14), Detroit 43 (Drummond 10). Assists-New Orleans 23 (Ball 9), Detroit 27 (Rose 8). Total Fouls-New Orleans 19, Detroit 25. A-13,780 (20,491)

NHL

Sunday's Games
Nashville 1, Winnipeg 0
Vancouver 4, Minnesota 1
Buffalo 5, Detroit 1
Pittsburgh 4, Arizona 3, SO
Florida 8, Toronto 4
New Jersey 3, Tampa Bay 1
Monday's Games
Montreal 2, Calgary 0
N.Y. Rangers 6, N.Y. Islanders 2
Philadelphia 6, Boston 5, SO
Washington 2, Carolina 0
St. Louis 4, Anaheim 1
Today's Games
Vegas at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Boston at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Detroit at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Arizona, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Nashville at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

ASTROS

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perception of some that it did causes significant harm to the game," Manfred said.

Manfred, in his most significant action since becoming commissioner five years ago, said Hinch failed to stop the sign stealing and Luhnow was responsible for the players' conduct even though he made the dubious claim he was not aware. Manfred said owner Jim Crane was not informed.

An hour after MLB announced its punishment, Crane opened a news conference by saying Hinch and Luhnow were fired.

"I have higher standards for the city and the franchise, and I'm going above and beyond MLB's penalty," he said. "We need to move forward with a clean slate."

Both Luhnow and Hinch's suspensions for the 2020 season were to be without pay. Crane said he will look outside the organization and internally for candidates to replace Luhnow. If he hires internally, the most likely candidate would be Pete Putila, who was promoted to assistant general manager this offseason.

Crane, who said he learned of the discipline this weekend, was visibly upset during Monday's news conference and insisted that Houston's championship, which culminated in a seven-game World Series over the Los Angeles Dodgers, was not tainted.

"We want to be known as playing by the rules," he said. "We broke the rules. We accept the punishment and we're going to move forward ... if you read the report neither (Luhnow or Hinch) implemented this or pushed it through the system and (it) really came from the bottom up."

Hinch's penalty was among the longest for an MLB manager. Brooklyn's Leo Durocher was suspended for one year by Commissioner Happy Chandler in April 1947 for the "accumulation of unpleasant incidents" detrimental to baseball and Cincinnati's Pete Rose was banned for life by Commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti in August 1989 for betting on Reds' games while managing the team.

Houston was a big league-best 204-120 during the two years in question, winning its first title. Hinch, a 45-year-old former catcher with a degree from Stanford, was the most successful manager in the history of the Astros, who have won two of the last three AL pennants and came within one victory of another World Series title last year against Washington. Luhnow, 53, earned an MBA at Northwestern and fostered an analytic-based culture during eight seasons as Astros GM, but also a toxic one with high turnover.

"It is very clear to me that the culture of the baseball operations department, manifesting itself in the way its employees are treated, its relations with other clubs, and its relations with the media and external stakeholders, has been very problematic," Manfred wrote in a nine-page statement. "At least in my view, the baseball operations department's insular culture – one that valued and rewarded results over other considerations, combined with a staff of individuals who often lacked direction or sufficient oversight, led ... finally, to an environment that allowed the conduct described in this report to have occurred."

Crane, who hired Luhnow weeks after buying the Astros, denied a widespread problem, saying "I think there was some isolated situations."

Hinch did not reply to phone and texts messages from The Associated Press, but Luhnow issued a statement through his attorney.

Luhnow said in the statement that he accepts responsibility "for rules violations that occurred on my watch as president of baseball operations and general manager of the Astros" and apologized to the team and fans for "the shame and embarrassment this has caused."

Then Luhnow defended himself.

"I am not a cheater," the statement said. "Anybody who has worked closely with me during my 32- year career inside and outside baseball can attest to my integrity. I did not know rules were being broken. As the commissioner set out in his statement, I did not personally direct, oversee or engage in any misconduct: The sign-stealing initiative was not planned or directed by baseball management; the trash-can banging was driven and executed by players, and the video decoding of signs originated and was executed by lower-level employees working with the bench coach. I am deeply upset that I wasn't informed of any misconduct because I would have stopped it."

Baseball's response was far greater than that of the NFL to a similar infraction. New England coach Bill Belichick was fined $500,000 in 2007 and the Patriots were penalized $250,000 for using video to capture an opponent's signals. The Patriots also were stripped of a first-round draft choice for punishment in the scandal known as Spygate. They were penalized again for $1 million eight years later for deflating footballs used in the AFC championship game. The NFL took away a first-round draft pick and suspended quarterback Tom Brady for four games.

Manfred said Hinch was aware of the system but did not tell Luhnow.

"As the person with responsibility for managing his players and coaches, there simply is no justification for Hinch's failure to act," Manfred said.

The GM told Major League Baseball he was unaware of the system, but Manfred held him accountable for the team's actions.

"Although Luhnow denies having any awareness that his replay review room staff was decoding and transmitting signs, there is both documentary and testimonial evidence that indicates Luhnow had some knowledge of those efforts."

FOOTBALL

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conference champion is actually increased," Neinas said.

This year the list of elite teams included LSU, Clemson and Ohio State. Oklahoma made the final four, but was clearly not in that class. The Tigers from the Southeastern Conference and the Tigers from the Atlantic Coast Conference meet Monday night at the Superdome in the sixth edition of College Football Playoff championship game.

Clemson is trying to make it three national titles in four seasons. LSU is looking for its third in 17 years, and the SEC's 12th in the period.

This will be the fifth straight season the title game will match two teams from the Southeast. Include the Bowl Championship Series days and seven of the last nine national championship games have featured only teams from the Deep South.

Back in December, Pac-12 Commissioner Larry Scott said the conference being left out of the playoff four times in six years was "harmful" to its image and brand. If elite players believe playing in the Pac-12 decreases their chances of reaching the playoff, then fewer elite players will play in the Pac-12. And that will make it even less likely for Pac-12 teams to make the playoff.

Not everyone sees Southern dominance as a potential problem for college football.

ESPN's Rece Davis said the very best teams in college football now have a long reach when it comes to recruiting the bluest of blue-chippers.

"I think what's happening is that the sport is becoming more national, but it's doing so with brands that are regional only because they have state names attached to them," Davis said. "But Alabama is a national brand. LSU is going to become that. I think Clemson has become that."

Ohio State is in that class, the one school above the Mason-Dixon line consistently recruiting at that level. Georgia has moved toward that class while not being able to get past SEC West powers Alabama and LSU.

Media, both traditional and social, allows all schools to put their brands in front of players who live outside their traditional, regional recruiting territory.

That should give some hope to fans of Oklahoma, Michigan, Notre Dame, Nebraska and other programs that once routinely contended for national titles.

There are other obstacles, and all roads seem to lead back to recruiting.

Joe Klatt, a former quarterback at the University of Colorado and currently a Fox analyst, said college football has structural issues that work against competitive balance.

"We operate as college football and we try to crown a champion of college football. And yet we have leagues operating in very different ways," Klatt said. "I'm not saying that one is wrong and another is right. ... I'm just saying that overarching I don't think that is healthy for the sport."

Scheduling is the most obvious difference between conferences, but it's not just that.

Current recruiting rules help Southern schools protect their turf, Klatt said. Unlimited unofficial visits by recruits benefit schools with lots of talented players close to their campuses.

Restrictions on satellite camps further limit the access coaches can have to players outside their school's geographic footprint.

Tweaking those rules could help balance the scales a bit. As could the NCAA allowing players to earn money from their names, images and likenesses, Klatt suggested.

Being the best player at Penn State might be more lucrative than being the third or fourth best player at Alabama. And in turn, being the best player at North Carolina might be more lucrative than being third-best at Penn State.

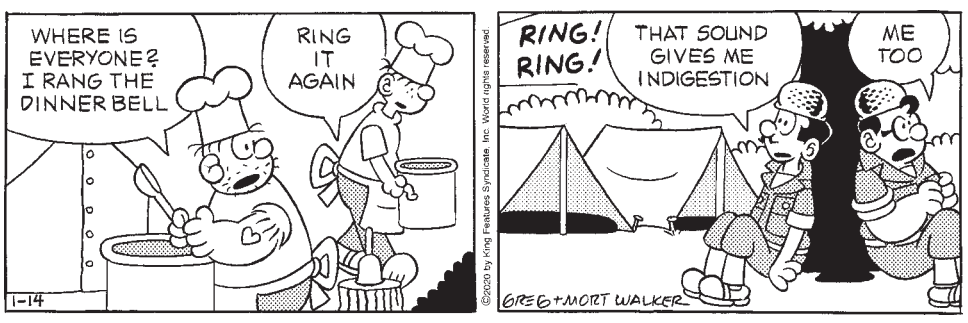
The growing divide is not just between conferences — the gap is widening within leagues, too. The very best teams have separated from the rest — whether its Clemson in the ACC, Ohio State in the Big Ten or Oklahoma in the Big 12. Throw in Alabama, and those four schools have nabbed 17 of the 24 playoff bids over the first six years of the system.

The more radical idea of decreasing the scholarship limit in football from 85 to maybe 80 or 75 has also been floated as an option to keep teams from stockpiling talent.

Playoff expansion seems inevitable, though unlikely until after the 2025 season when the media rights contract with ESPN expires. And change is likely coming to rules regarding compensation for name, image and likeness, but, again, it will take a while.

For now, major college football will remain a sport where a small upperclass competes for the national championship and the rest relish the consolation prizes.

BEETLE BAILEY


WHERE IS EVERYONE? I RANG THE DINNER BELL
RING IT AGAIN
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RING! RING!
THAT SOUND GIVES ME INDIGESTION
ME TOO
GREG + MORT WALKER
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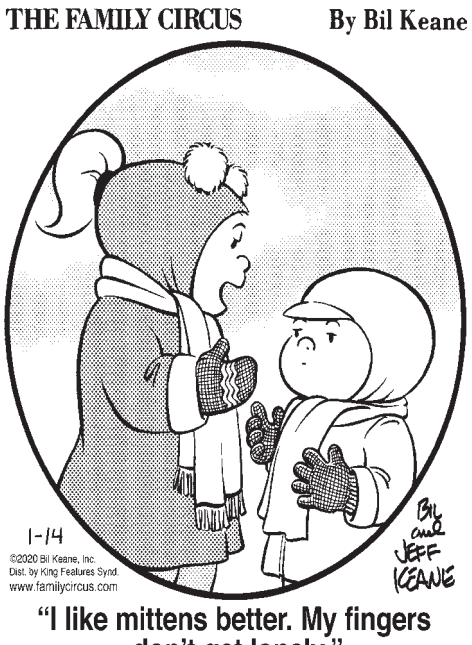
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

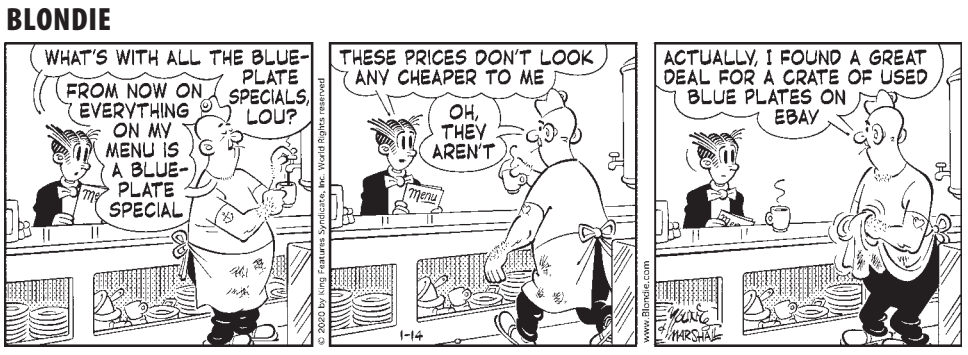


"I like mittens better. My fingers don't get lonely."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"IF THAT GUY IS THE 'BEST MAN'... WHY DOESN'T SHE MARRY HIM?"

BLONDIE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FROM NOW ON EVERYTHING ON MY MENU IS A BLUE-PLATE SPECIAL
THESE PRICES DON'T LOOK ANY CHEAPER TO ME
OH, THEY AREN'T
ACTUALLY, I FOUND A GREAT DEAL FOR A CRATE OF USED BLUE PLATES ON EBAY
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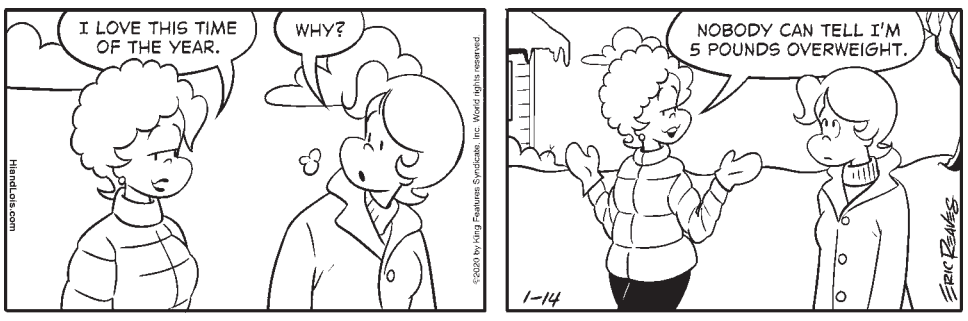
I LOVE THIS TIME OF THE YEAR.
WHY?
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NOBODY CAN TELL I'M 5 POUNDS OVERWEIGHT.
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ERIC REYNOLDS

BABY BLUES

MOM, ARE YOU CRYING?
YEAH. THIS MOVIE IS MAKING ME SAD.
BECAUSE THERE AREN'T ANY EXPLOSIONS IN IT?
SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
babyblues.com

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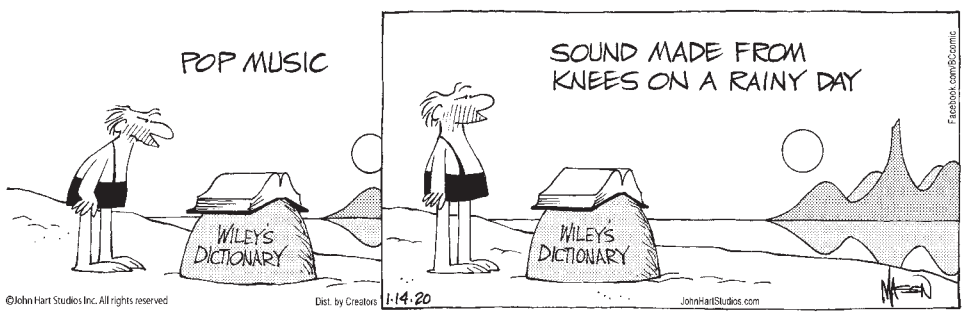

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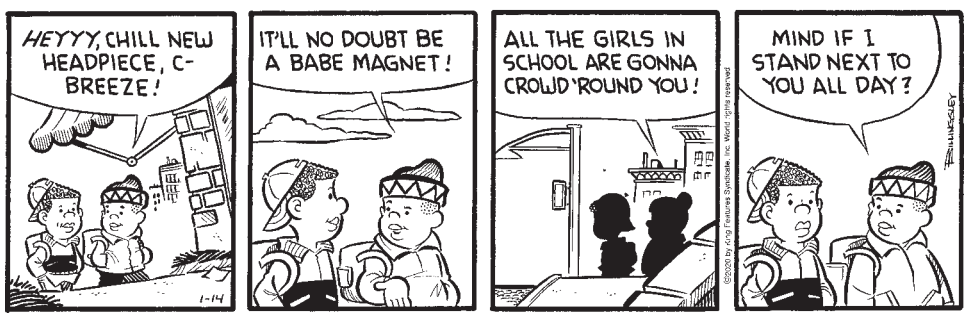
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IT'LL NO DOUBT BE A BABE MAGNET!
ALL THE GIRLS IN SCHOOL ARE GONNA CROWD 'ROUND YOU!
MIND IF I STAND NEXT TO YOU ALL DAY?
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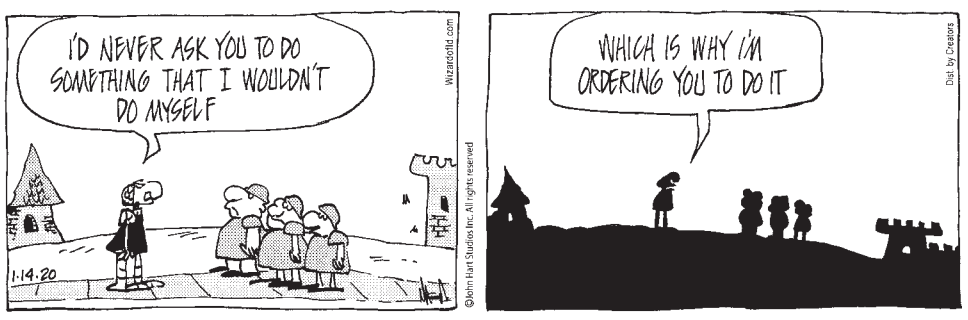
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WHICH IS WHY I'M ORDERING YOU TO DO IT
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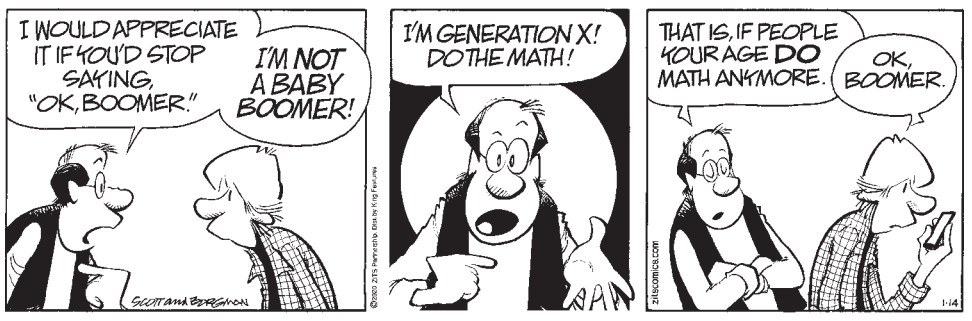
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I'M NOT A BABY BOOMER!
I'M GENERATION X! DO THE MATH!
THAT IS, IF PEOPLE YOUR AGE DO MATH ANYMORE.
OK, BOOMER.
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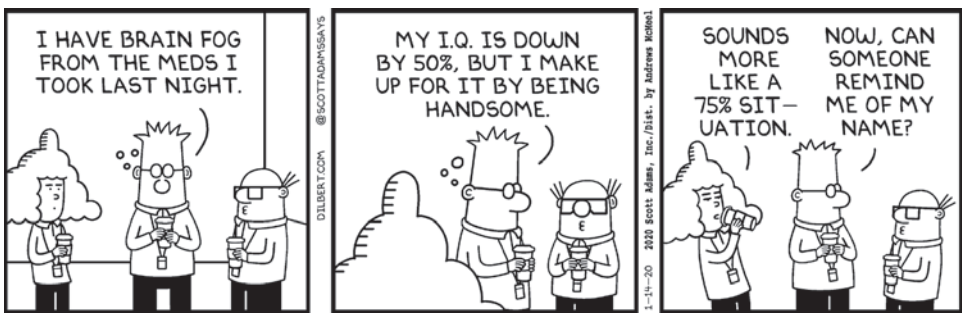
I HAVE BRAIN FOG FROM THE MEDS I TOOK LAST NIGHT.
DILBERT.COM @SCOTTADAMSSAYS
MY I.Q. IS DOWN BY 50%, BUT I MAKE UP FOR IT BY BEING HANDSOME.
SOUNDS MORE LIKE A 75% SIT-UATION.
NOW, CAN SOMEONE REMIND ME OF MY NAME?
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

WE MARCHED ONE HUNDRED MILES TO TAKE YOUR MONEY, SO THROW IT DOWN!
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WOULD YOU ALSO TELL HIM TO THROW DOWN A SACK OF SALT TO SOAK OUR FEET WITH?
CLANK
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GARFIELD

THIS IS INTERESTING...
ANTS CAN LIFT TEN TIMES THEIR OWN WEIGHT
BIG DEAL
CAN THEY EAT TEN TIMES THEIR OWN WEIGHT?
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MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

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MIKE PETERS
I'M AFRAID I CAN'T DO THAT. MAYBE YOU SHOULD RESPECT THE CARPET MORE NEXT TIME.
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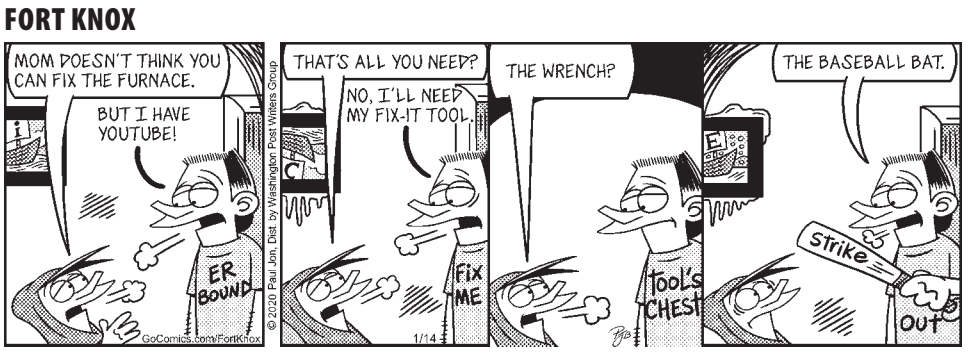

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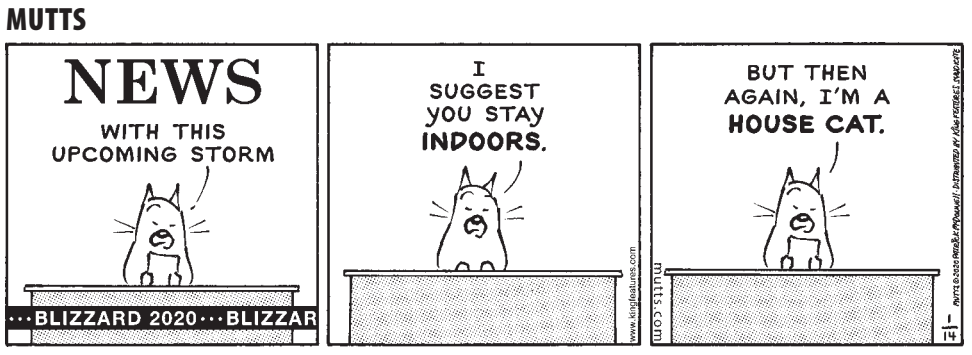

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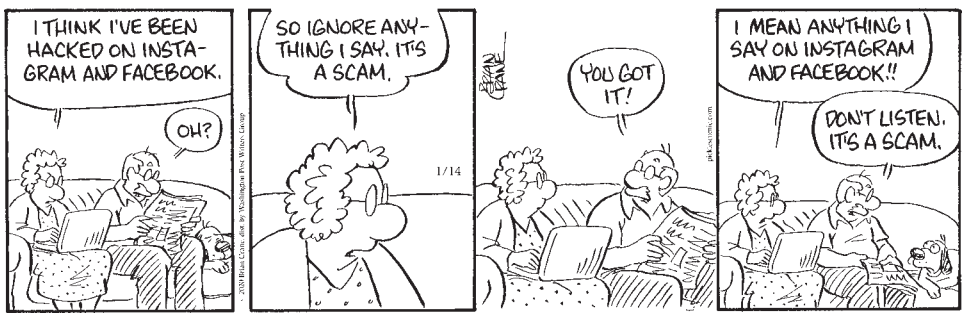
I THINK I'VE BEEN HACKED ON INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK.
OH?
SO IGNORE ANYTHING I SAY. IT'S A SCAM.
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YOU GOT IT!
I MEAN ANYTHING I SAY ON INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK!!
DON'T LISTEN. IT'S A SCAM.
gocomics.com

SALLY FORTH

SO WHAT IF WE PUT UP SOME WAINSCOTING...
OKAY, SAL. ENOUGH...
KEEFE
I KNOW YOU'RE BORED BEING BETWEEN JOBS. I COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND YOU NEEDING PROJECTS. BUT WE CAN'T KEEP ARRANGING AND REARRANGING THE HOUSE. WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING MORE CONSTRUCTIVE.
1-14
HOW ABOUT WE START WAKING UP EARLY TO EXERCISE?
PERHAPS THERE'S A THIRD OPTION IN WHICH WE'D BOTH WANT TO GET OUT OF BED.

Prime Time TV

TUESDAY EVENING JAN. 14

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! The Greatest of All Time (N)		mixed-ish (N)	black-ish (N)	Emergence "Applied Sciences" (N)	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	NCIS The team investigates an F-18 crash.		FBI "Hard Decisions" (N) CC		FBI: Most Wanted "Defender" (N)	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	Ellen's Game of Games (N) CC		This Is Us "Light and Shadows" (N)		:01 New Amsterdam "Code Silver" (N)	
FOX 17 22 28 32	Modern Family	The Resident "Best Laid Plans" (N)		Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Economic Outlook	Finding Your Roots With Henry		Frontline The political environment in the U.S. (N) (Part 2 of 2) CC			
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Arrow (N) CC		DC's Legends of Tomorrow (N) CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "The Price We Pay" CC		Chicago P.D. CC		Chicago P.D. "Say Her Real Name"	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Arrow (N) CC		DC's Legends of Tomorrow (N) CC		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 45	:00 Heartland	Heartland A military vet hires Amy.		Highway to Heaven "Parents' Day"		The List (N) CC	Celebrity Page (N)
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 CC		The First 48: 15th Anniversary A woman and her friend are gunned down. (N) CC			
AMC	Transformers	★★★ Home Alone ('90) Macaulay Culkin. A left-behind boy battles two burglars in the house. CC					Home Alone 2
Animal	Tree	:01 Treehouse Masters: Branched Out (N)				Barnwood Builders	
BET	6:30 Are We There Yet?			8:57 ★★ The Best Man Holiday ('13)			
Big Ten	Tip-Off	College Basketball Iowa at Northwestern.				Postgame	Journey
Bravo	Vanderpump Rul	Vanderpump Rules CC		Vanderpump Rules (N) CC		Watch What	Vanderpump Rul
Cartoon	Gumball	American	American	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy CC	
Cinemax	Fight Club ('99)	★★★ The Mask ('94) Jim Carrey, Cameron Diaz. CC			:45 ★★ A Fantastic Fear of Everything ('12) Simon Pegg.		
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	Shark	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank		The Profit (N) CC	
CNN	OutFront	CNN Debate		CNN Democratic Debate "Des Moines" (N)			
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Drunk	Drunk	Drunk	Drunk
Discovery	:00 Moonshiners	Moonshiners: Outlaw Cuts (N) CC		Moonshiners Tickle's carpentry skills shine.		Guardians of the Glades (N) CC	
Disney	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Gabby	Sydney	Just Roll	Coop	Sydney
DIY	Texas	Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid	
E!	He's Just Not That Into You			★★ He's Just Not That Into You			
ESPN	College Basketball			College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (L)			
ESPN2	College Basketball			College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (L)			
ESPNC	:00 College Football			College Football From Oct. 23, 1999.			
Food	Chopped	Chopped CC		Chopped (N) CC		Chopped CC	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	NHL Hockey: Red Wings at Islanders				Red Wings Live (N)		Wingspan
Freefrm	6:00 ★★ The DUFF ('15) CC			★ Grown Ups ('10, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Chris Rock. CC			
FX	X-Men: Apoc	★★ Transformers: The Last Knight ('17) Mark Wahlberg. The war between Transformers and humans threatens Earth. CC					
Golf	PGA Korn Ferry Tour			PGA Tour		Lessons	PGA
Hallmark	Sister of the Bride	Frozen in Love ('18, Comedy) Rachael Leigh Cook, Niall Matter, Sandy Sidhu. CC				A Royal Winter ('17, Drama) CC	
HBO	Shutter Island	The Outsider "Fish in a Barrel" CC		The Outsider "Roanoke" CC		★★★ The Town ('10) CC	
History	Oak Is	Digging Deeper		Curse-Island		:03 Kings of Pain (N)	
HGTV	Fixer	Home Town CC		Fixer to Fabulous (N)		Move and Improve	
Learning	Fabulous	My Big Fat Fabulous Life (N)				Hot & Heavy (N)	
Lifetime	★★ Just Wright	★★ Madea's Family Reunion ('06, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Blair Underwood. CC				:03 Hopelessly in Love CC	
MSNBC	Hardball	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Twilight	Siesta Key (N) CC		Teen Mom: Young		Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	NHL Hockey Chicago Blackhawks at Ottawa Senators.					Blackhawks	
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Football AFC or NFC Divisional Round: Teams TBA. CC					
Nick	Loud	Sponge.	Sponge.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Life Be	Ice Breakers		Life Below Zero (N)		Running Wild	
Oxygen	:00 Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D. "Climbing Into Bed" CC		Chicago P.D. CC		Chicago P.D. CC	
Parmt	:00 ★★ White House Down ('13, Action) CC					Ink Master (N) CC	
Showtime	6:00 Scream 4	Ray Donovan "Bugs" CC		Inside the NFL (N) CC		Shameless "Now Leaving Illinois"	
Starz	:15 ★★★ Rocky Balboa ('06) Sylvester Stallone. CC			Power "He Always Wins" CC		:01 ★★★ The Best Man ('99) CC	
STZENC	:23 ★★ Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde ('03) CC			★★★ Lethal Weapon ('87, Action) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover. CC			
SyFy	:08 ★★★ Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 ('11) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint. CC (DVS)					★★★ Captain America: Civil War	
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	Young & Brave	★★★ The Day the Earth Stood Still ('51) Michael Rennie.			:45 ★★ Weekend With Father ('51) Van Heflin. CC		
TMC	Secondhand	★★★ Nowhere Boy ('09, Drama) Aaron Johnson. CC			:45 ★★★ Blaze ('18) Ben Dickey, Alia Shawkat. CC		
TNT	Central	★ Identity Thief ('13) Jason Bateman. (P).					27 Dress
Travel	Dead	The Dead Files "Marked by Darkness" (N)				Famously Afraid (N)	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	King	King
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
VH1	Hip Hop	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out
WGN-A	:00 ★★ Jurassic Park III ('01, Adventure) Sam Neill. CC			★★ Jurassic Park III ('01, Adventure) Sam Neill, William H. Macy, Tea Leoni. CC			

Parents oppose relationship with man of different culture

DEAR ABBY: I am a 25-year-old college student on the verge of graduation. Over the past three months, I have been dating a slightly younger man (he's 21). We get along well, and I thoroughly enjoy his company. He has never been anything but kind and supportive.

My parents have an issue with the match. My boyfriend is Latino, born and raised in a South American country. He speaks and understands English well, although speaking it does make him a little nervous. I speak Spanish fluently, so when we talk to each other, he speaks in Spanish and I speak in English, and we have no problem communicating.

My parents think that relationships (especially marriages) are already hard enough, and adding cultural differences to the equation is a dangerous gamble for my future happiness. They strongly oppose my continuing my relationship with him. Do you think their argument is valid?

I've looked up statistics that say marriages between a Latino man and white woman are the most likely to end in divorce (not that I'm thinking of marrying him any time soon, but one of my future goals is to be in a happy marriage, and I realize that you marry who you date). The idea of ending a relationship with someone I adore based on statistics is upsetting to me. I'd really appreciate your thoughts. – Grown-Up In Utah

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR GROWN-UP: You have been dating this man for only three months. By the age of 25, the decision about whom you decide to EVENTUALLY marry should be yours, not your parents', regardless of how well-meaning they are. Do not let statistics rule your life because there are always exceptions. Let this play out, and you will have your answer.

DEAR ABBY: My husband finds fault and makes negative comments about almost everything. He rarely talks to me about anything. I am not happy with my life with him. I feel there is so much I want to do and explore. He is content to stay at home, watch TV and occasionally do little projects around the house. Then it is time for TV again.

We are both retired. My adult kids and my grandchildren are my whole life. We are all very close. My husband, on the other hand, rarely talks to or calls his kids, even though I encourage him to. One child no longer even speaks to him. Another one lives too far away to see him (a 10-hour drive), which is his reason for not visiting him.

With no friends and very little family contact, I feel I am all he has. I want to run away, but if I do, he'd be heartbroken. Sad to say, I wouldn't even miss him. What should I do? – Unfulfilled In Ohio

DEAR UNFULFILLED: Has your husband always been this way? If the answer is no, he may be depressed, which is something that should be discussed with his doctor.

I don't think you should leave him – immediately. If you want to travel and have the means to do so, travel with some friends. The only thing you should NOT do is permit yourself to become isolated because your husband is so closed off.

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Son's struggling in high school? Seek help now

Adapted from a recent online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: Our hilarious, old soul, bit-of-a-character adolescent son hit puberty and went into a cone of silence, withdrew, now (10th grade) tanks schoolwork to the point he lost athletic eligibility.

Tutor believes we should have him assessed: emotional, cognitive, neuropsychological, academic. There's some pot use but not daily, he denies being depressed, he actually appears to work relatively hard, but has no follow through, organizational skills, focus.

The testing is not inexpensive. Should we take the plunge? Is there a book/article you recommend?

It's difficult to understand kids' attitude that it is OK not to perform their best in school and extracurriculars. – Did We Spoil the Kid?

DEAR DID WE SPOIL: Take the plunge, trust the tutor, check the school's policies and your insurance – some plans will cover neuropsych testing – and now, now, now talk to his pediatrician about the drug use, silence and school-tanking. Rally the troops.

And, humbly suggested: What your son might need to hear most is that you hear him. As adults, we fan out into a universe of interests and lifestyles, and in fact if someone so much as speculates about taking some aspect of that lifestyle away, we go bananas.

Yet we funnel our kids through this chute of desks and books and X hours a day for Y days a year for Z years over which they have little to no say, and expect them to give every ounce of themselves to being the best through-chute-goers they can be. If anything, it's a miracle the buy-in is as high as it is.

Carolyn Hax

Broaden your idea of sensible attitudes accordingly.

You can understand (and tell him) that a successful run through the chute makes life easier; and that work drudgery is not exactly optional for those requiring income; and that he's going to have to negotiate his own strengths and weaknesses to do his job, be it the job of studying or waiting tables or producing art or widgets – and still be sympathetic about his struggles in school.

And, circling back so it doesn't get lost: *call his doctor*. I focused on your son getting heard, because that's more complicated, but getting help is more urgent given the combination of marijuana and an adolescent brain.

Reader suggestions:

■ Request an evaluation by the school. You must do this in writing.

■ I can't recommend enough going through with the testing. I felt such a sense of relief with having a learning disability diagnosis.

■ Is it possible the child had an experience, such as an assault, they're not telling the parents about? I went from an "old soul" (in my case, a kid who had seen too much) to someone who couldn't function at all, because of PTSD from early abuse.

■ Do the testing yesterday, even if you have to sell your house. My daughter always had issues, but no one ever recommended we test her. We just essentially withdrew her from college yesterday and life is hell right now. I wish we'd pushed for extensive testing back in middle school.

■ There are options other than the traditional high school experience that still allow kids to go on to college: homeschooling or eclectic charter schools or alternative private schools or online public school. If the chute is bad for him he can skip it.

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Crossword

ACROSS
1 Flower-to-be
4 PC owner
8 Jungfrau
11 Tempe inst.
12 Wander
13 Small combo
14 Sweet roll
15 Helm position
16 Busy place
17 Esoteric
19 Southern st.
21 Cuzco locale
22 Apron tops
25 Coveted awards
29 Drag along
31 Work units
34 Zoologists' mouths
35 Lawman Wyatt —
36 Leafy green
37 Resin
38 One-time Queens ballpark
39 Id companion
40 Politician pickers
42 Ms. Watson
44 Bumblers
47 Ms. Hagen
49 Happy
51 Pith
54 Water-filled trench
56 "Yecch!"
57 Yen
58 Sea eagle
59 Philosopher — -tzu
60 Even so
61 More than want
62 No-seats sign

DOWN
1 Ali —
2 Seize the throne
3 Dummy
4 Planet next to Saturn
5 Foot part
6 Festive night
7 Coral habitat
8 "Exodus" character
9 54, to Flavius
10 "The Tell-Tale Heart" penner
13 Bangkok native
18 Developed
20 Flour sack abbr.
23 Lacking vivacity
24 Confident
26 Nebr. neighbor
27 Smell — —
28 Speedway competition
30 College stat
31 Make ends meet
32 Frenzy
33 Latch onto
35 Piece of prose
40 Tank
41 Cheered
43 Type of swan
45 Referees' calls
46 Coffee additive
48 Revival shout
49 Miss Marple of whodunits
50 Wave away
51 Mr. Lombardo
52 Eur. country
53 PFC boss
55 Bauxite or galena

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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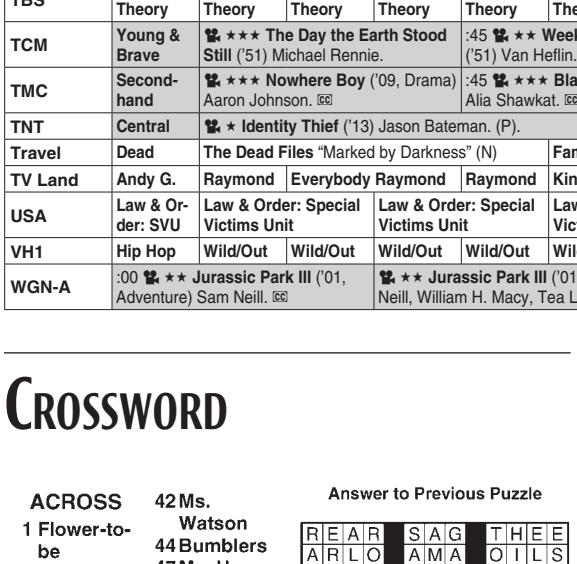

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Jumble

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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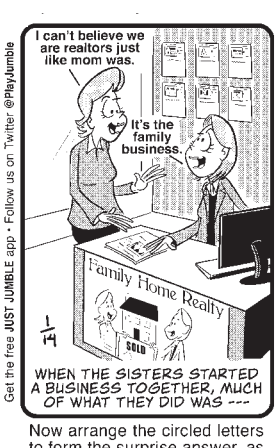
FINKE

KEREAU

LWOOLH


I can't believe we are realtors just like mom was.
It's the family business.
Family Home Realty
SOLD
WHEN THE SISTERS STARTED A BUSINESS TOGETHER, MUCH OF WHAT THEY DID WAS ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: _____ - _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: DROOP BUDDY ACCUSE SCRIPT
Answer: The deck used by the poker players was old. They all agreed it should be — DISCARDED

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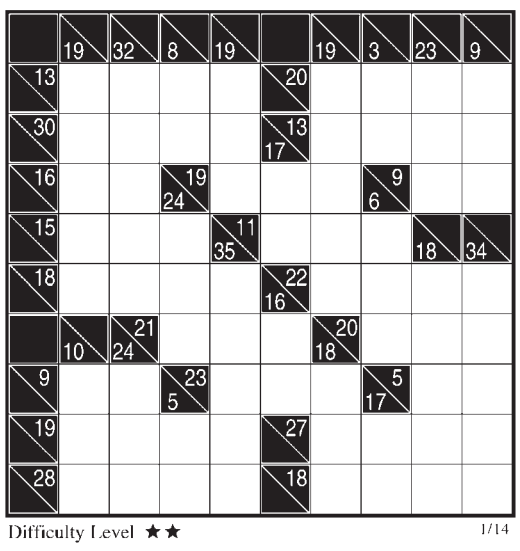
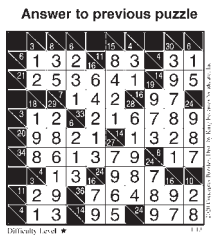
Kakuro



Difficulty Level ★★ 1/14

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Answer to previous puzzle



Bridge

Alexis Carrel, who was a French surgeon and biologist awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1912 for pioneering vascular suturing techniques, said, "All great men are gifted with intuition. They know, without reasoning or analysis, what they need to know."

Many great bridge players know, without reasoning or analysis, what they need to do. They can "feel" where the missing cards are located. But for most of us, we should count winners and losers, and analyze the various possible lines of play.

In today's deal, South is in three no-trump. West leads a fourth-highest heart six; East wins with the ace and returns the heart eight. What should declarer do now?

With a long minor, no singleton, no void and no thoughts about a slam, raise one no-trump to three no-trump.

South starts with seven top tricks: three spades, one heart (given the first trick), two diamonds and one club. If the diamond queen is singleton or doubleton, there are overtricks in declarer's future. But what if East has queen-third or -fourth? That doesn't look troubling, but South must be careful.

Suppose he finesses the heart jack at trick two. Here, West might shift to a low club at trick three, setting up five tricks for the defenders: two hearts, one diamond and two clubs.

What happens if South wins the second trick and runs the diamond jack?

Then the contract is safe. If East wins with the diamond queen and can return another heart, declarer will lose only three hearts and one diamond. Here, East will take the diamond and shift to a low club, but South wins with his ace and claims an overtrick.

North 01-14-20
♠ A 7
♥ 9 4 2
♦ A K 9 8 5 2
♣ 6 2

West
♠ 8 5 2
♥ Q 10 7 6 3
♦ 7
♣ K 10 8 5

East
♠ 10 9 6 4 3
♥ A 8
♦ Q 6 3
♣ Q 7 4

South
♠ K Q J
♥ K J 5
♦ J 10 4
♣ A J 9 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 6

Sudoku

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

2			3	1	5		4	
			2			5	7	
5	8		4	9	7	3	2	
1		9			4			
7				5				6
			7			9		2
	6	2	5	7	3		9	4
	7	5			8			
	1		9	6	2			5

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

6	8	5	9	2	1	4	3	7
1	9	4	7	3	8	5	6	2
2	7	3	5	6	4	1	9	8
3	5	6	2	8	9	7	4	1
8	2	1	4	7	6	9	5	3
7	4	9	3	1	5	2	8	6
4	3	2	6	9	7	8	1	5
9	1	7	8	5	3	6	2	4
5	6	8	1	4	2	3	7	9

Andrew Harnik / AP

Democratic presidential candidate former South Bend, Ind., Mayor Pete Buttigieg, speaks with a member of the audience at a campaign stop at the Madison County Fairgrounds on Monday in Winterset, Iowa.

Democrats set to clash in final debate before Iowa caucuses

By ALEXANDRA JAFFE
Associated Press

Patrick Semansky / AP

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., left, poses for a photo with attendees after speaking at a campaign event Sunday in Marshalltown, Iowa.

DES MOINES, Iowa — Democrats are preparing for what could be their most contentious debate yet as the leading candidates gather in Iowa on Tuesday looking for a way to break out of the crowded top tier less than three weeks before the state's caucuses kick-start the presidential nomination process.

Some of the fiercest clashes could center on Sens. Bernie Sanders of Vermont and Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, fellow progressives who until now have largely avoided criticizing each other.

But Warren chastised Sanders over the weekend following a report that his campaign instructed volunteers to speak poorly of her to win over undecided voters. The tensions escalated on Monday after CNN reported Sanders told Warren in a private 2018 meeting that he didn't think a woman could win the election, a charge that Sanders vigorously denied but that Warren confirmed later Monday.

The feuding will likely expand to include nearly every candidate on stage. Sanders has recently stepped up his attacks on former Vice President Joe Biden over his past support of the Iraq War, broad free-trade agreements and entitlement reform, among other issues. Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar, who has had several strong debates, will be looking for another opportunity to highlight her candidacy as she remains mired in the middle of the pack in polling. Billionaire Tom Steyer will have to answer criticism that he's buying his way to the White House.

And with two surveys showing Pete Buttigieg losing support in Iowa, the former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, will need a breakout moment to regain some momentum before the Feb. 3 caucuses.

Those shifting dynamics mean Tuesday's debate could be unlike any of the others that came before it this cycle. The generally polite disputes over policy items including health care and immigration are poised to be replaced by increasingly bitter and personal knocks. And it will happen as many Democratic voters are just beginning to tune into the race.

"The debates are always important – but this one's probably the most important for these candidates," said Scott Brennan, a former Iowa Democratic Party chair and current committeeman. "We've got at least four people who are bunched right there together at the top. So how do you break out?"

The debate, which is being held on the Des Moines campus of Drake University and will be televised on CNN, marks the first forum with an all-white lineup. Businessman Andrew Yang, an Asian American candidate who appeared in the December debate, failed to hit the polling threshold for Tuesday's event. And New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker ended his campaign on Monday after he didn't make the debate stage, leaving just one black candidate – former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick – in the race.

This will be the first debate since President Donald Trump authorized the killing of Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani, which heightened tensions throughout the Middle East.

Biden advisers see the development as a boon to his candidacy, allowing him to argue he's a steady, experienced alternative to Trump. But it could easily become a problem if Biden fails to answer what will likely be pointed attacks from Sanders on his support for the Iraq War.

While Biden acknowledged over a decade ago his vote was a mistake, he's struggled to offer a clear answer for his support, at times misleadingly asserting that he opposed the war from the start.

John Kerry, the 2004 Democratic nominee and a Biden supporter, previewed Biden's argument Monday in Knoxville, Iowa. Kerry didn't mention Iraq or Biden's evolving positions on U.S. engagement there. The former secretary of state instead kept the focus on Trump and his changing stories about his decision to order Soleimani's killing.

"The United States of America should never be taken to the brink of war on the basis of changing stories and lies," Kerry said. "I trust Joe Biden to tell the truth."

Sanders is eager to take the fight to Biden, as his advisers believe his message on income inequality and major structural change can appeal to the same white working-class voters that make up much of Biden's base.

But Sanders is less likely to continue the feud that erupted with Warren over the weekend.

Following a report in Politico that the Sanders campaign had instructed some volunteers to characterize Warren as a candidate for wealthy and well-educated voters in conversations with undecided voters, Warren issued a rare critique of her opponent, saying she was "disappointed" he was instructing staffers to "trash" her and emphasizing the need to nominate a unifying candidate to defeat Trump.

That echoed a new argument the Warren campaign unveiled this weekend: that she is the candidate who can best unify the different factions of the party, a case new endorser Julián Castro made when introducing the senator on the stump in Iowa.

While Sanders and Warren have, until this weekend, publicly defended each other on the debate stage and in media interviews, Sanders' team says they're expecting attacks from the Massachusetts senator on the debate stage. They believe that the Warren campaign is responsible for leaking what they say is an inaccurate description of their 2018 private meeting, as reported by CNN. But in a statement later Monday, Warren said the description of their meeting was correct.

"Among the topics that came up was what would happen if Democrats nominated a female candidate. I thought a woman could win; he disagreed," Warren said in a statement. "I have no interest in discussing this private meeting any further because Bernie and I have far more in common than our differences on punditry."

The clashes could offer an opportunity for candidates who stay above the fray. While Klobuchar sparred with Buttigieg during the last debate, she's previously sought to tamp down tensions among her opponents on the stage and avoided taking the moderators' bait in going after other candidates.

And Steyer, who has largely flown under the radar throughout the campaign, could look to capitalize on a handful of recent polls that have shown him gaining traction in some of the early primary states with a standout debate moment.

Impeachment? Iran? Early state voters more swayed by basics

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Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. — President Donald Trump has an impeachment trial looming, and rising tensions with Iran have captured headlines. But standing in the back of a New Hampshire brewery with three varieties of IPA on tap, Janie Shaklee said the political basics are much more likely to decide her vote.

"The economy is much realer to me," said the 69-year-old retired professor who was attending a campaign event for businessman Andrew Yang ahead of her state's Feb. 11 primary. "The world can blow apart at any point, no matter what. It's always been that way ... anything can happen."

Less than two weeks old, 2020 has been characterized by a striking amount of political turmoil at home and abroad. But for many in the states that will soon begin choosing the Democratic presidential nominee, the same bread-and-butter issues that have long dominated the primary – health care, higher wages, student debt, climate change – remain top of mind.

"Many Americans, for their own mental health, have taken Trump and his presidency and put it into a box and are doing their best to believe that it's some sort of aberration that's happening during our time and still staying focused on their own family," said Raymond Buckley, chairman of the New Hampshire Democratic Party. "The unpredictability of Trump, his unhinged decision-making, he's made it very difficult and a challenge to the average voter that overwhelms them."

That sentiment is also playing out in Iowa, home to the Feb. 3 caucuses that usher in the Democratic contest. Farah Jorgensen, a nurse from Waukee, said she doesn't see Iran remaining an issue over the long term.

"I think it's just going to fade off," said Jorgensen, who was planning to back New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker before he dropped out of the race on Monday. "I don't think the world is ready for another war."

Andrew Feldman, a Democratic strategist in Washington, agreed that Iran in recent days, just like impeachment in recent weeks, is "still not the main focus of voters."

"They may have an opinion on it, they may know about it, but it doesn't one-up the challenges they're having with health care, the challenges they're having with hundreds of thousands of dollars of student debt," Feldman said of voters. "The issues that we think are important here in the Beltway don't actually make it to the kitchen table as issues that voters are talking about."

The war in Iraq and other major foreign policy issues cast long shadows over past Democratic primaries, including in 2004 and 2008. But domestic policy has dominated the 2020 contest for more than a year, as the candidates spent large chunks of their first debates arguing over whether the country was ready to fully scrap private insurance for a universal, government-run health care system under a "Medicare for All" program.

Foreign policy came up in a more substantial way during the December debate, but many Democratic voters say that the situation in Iran and impeachment have just increased their dislike for the president.

"All this does is make it that much more important to get him out of there," said Michael Ginsberg, a 68-year-old New Hampshire resident who identified himself as an independent voter. "I'm still not 100 percent convinced about who is the most likely person to do that."

No clear favorite

Polls in the early states, as well as nationally, show no clear front-runner emerging between Vice President Joe Biden, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Pete Buttigieg, the former mayor of South Bend, Indiana.

Biden has lately talked up his foreign policy experience, while Sanders is reminding voters that he opposed the 2003 invasion of Iraq at a time when few others, including Biden, did. Buttigieg is a combat veteran who has subtly questioned Biden's judgment on the Iraq War, telling a recent New Hampshire crowd, "As a military intelligence officer on the ground in Afghanistan, I was trained to ask these questions before a decision was made."

Warren spent the summer rising in the polls on the strength of her sweeping plans to tackle top domestic issues, including imposing a wealth tax on fortunes worth more than $50 million, creating universal child and health care systems and wiping out student debt. She hasn't focused as much on impeachment or Iran while facing campaign audiences – but was forced to do so by a protester last week, during a stop in the riverside town of Dover, New Hampshire.

"Why are you siding with Iran?" a man yelled, calling Warren a fraud. After he'd been escorted out, the senator questioned the timing of the president increasing tensions with Iran.

"Does this have anything to do with the fact that Donald Trump is right on the eve of an impeachment hearing?" she asked. "This man is an embarrassment. He is now clearly a danger to the United States and the world. We need to get him out."

But then Warren pivoted back to her usual, heavily biographical stump speech. And when a voter asked if her litany of domestic plans was "a blueprint for the American dream," Warren exclaimed: "Oh, yes!"

"Let's make this a country with long-term vision," she added. "Not just short-term vision."

Booker ends presidential bid after polling, money struggles

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Democrat Cory Booker dropped out of the presidential race Monday, ending a campaign whose message of unity and love failed to resonate in a political era marked by chaos and anxiety.

His departure now leaves a field that was once the most diverse in history with just one remaining African American candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick, who is struggling to register in the polls amid a late entry into the race.

Since launching his campaign last February, Booker, a U.S. senator from New Jersey, struggled to raise the type of money required to support a White House bid. He was at the back of the pack in most surveys and failed to meet the polling requirements needed to participate in Tuesday's debate.

In an email to supporters, Booker said that he "got into this race to win" and that his failure to make the debates prevented him from raising raise the money required for victory.

"Our campaign has reached the point where we need more money to scale up and continue building a campaign that can win – money we don't have, and money that is harder to raise because I won't be on the next debate stage and because the urgent business of impeachment will rightly be keeping me in Washington," he said.

For African Americans, Booker's exit is more meaningful than just being one less option to consider.

"It means that we don't count," said Helen Moore, a member of the Detroit-based Keep the Vote-No Takeover grassroots organization. "Now, we can't look forward to any black candidate being considered from now until it's time to vote. They are completely out of the picture."

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The Capitol Dome in Washington.

U.S. budget deficit running 11.8 percent higher this year

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The U.S. budget deficit through the first three months of this budget year is up 11.8 percent from the same period a year ago, putting the country on track to record its first $1 trillion deficit in eight years.

In its monthly budget report, the Treasury Department said Monday that the deficit from October through December totaled $356.6 billion, up from $318.9 billion for the same period last year.

Both government spending and revenues set records for the first three months of this budget year but spending rose at a faster clip than tax collections, pushing the deficit total up.

The Congressional Budget Office is projecting that the deficit for the current 2020 budget year will hit $1 trillion and will remain over $1 trillion for the next decade. The country has not experienced $1 trillion annual deficits since the period from 2009 through 2012 following the 2008 financial crisis.

The actual deficit for the 2019 budget year, which ended Sept. 30, was $984.4 billion, up 26 percent from the 2018 imbalance, reflecting the impact of the $1.5 trillion tax cut President Donald Trump pushed through Congress in 2017 and increased spending for military and domestic programs that Trump accepted as part of a budget deal with Democrats.

The projections of trillion-dollar deficits are in contrast to Trump's campaign promise in 2016 that even with his proposed tax cuts, he would be able to eliminate future deficits with cuts in spending and growth in revenues that would result from a stronger economy.

For the first three months of the 2020 budget year, revenues have totaled $806.5 billion, up 4.8 percent from the same three months a year ago, while government spending has totaled $948.9 billion, an increase of 6.3 percent from a year ago.

High anxiety: Proposed U.S. hemp rules worry industry

By GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press

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Trevor Eubanks, plant manager for Big Top Farms, shovels dried hemp as branches hang drying in barn rafters overhead at their production facility near Sisters, Ore. Draft rules released by the United States Department of Agriculture for a new and booming agricultural hemp industry have alarmed farmers, processors and retailers across the country, who say the provisions will be crippling if they are not significantly overhauled before they become final.

PORTLAND, Ore. — Hemp growers and entrepreneurs who were joyous a year ago after U.S. lawmakers reclassified the plant as a legal agricultural crop now are worried their businesses could be crippled if federal policymakers move ahead with draft regulations.

Licenses for hemp cultivation topped a half-million acres last year, more than 450 percent above 2018 levels, so there's intense interest in the rules the U.S. government is creating. Critical comments on the draft have poured in from hemp farmers, processors, retailers and state governments.

Growers are concerned the government wants to use a heavy hand that could result in many crops failing required tests and being destroyed. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, the agency writing the rules, estimates 20 percent of hemp lots would fail under the proposed regulations.

"Their business is to support farmers – and not punish farmers – and the rules as they're written right now punish farmers," said Dove Oldham, who last year grew an acre of hemp on her family farm in Grants Pass. "There's just a lot of confusion, and people are just looking for leadership."

The USDA did not respond to the criticism but has taken the unusual step of extending the public comment period by a month, until Jan. 29. The agency told The Associated Press it will analyze information from this year's growing season before releasing its final rules, which would take effect in 2021.

Agricultural officials in states that run pilot hemp cultivation programs under an earlier federal provision are weighing in with formal letters to the USDA.

"There are 46 states where hemp is legal, and I'm going to say that every single state has raised concerns to us about something within the rule. They might be coming from different perspectives, but every state has raised concerns," said Aline DeLucia, director of public policy for the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture.

Most of the anxiety involves how the federal government plans to test for THC, the high-inducing compound found in marijuana and hemp, both cannabis plants. The federal government and most states consider plants with tiny amounts – 0.3 percent or less – to be hemp. Anything above that is marijuana and illegal under federal law.

Yet another cannabis compound has fueled the explosion in hemp cultivation. Cannabidiol, or CBD, is marketed as a health and wellness aid and infused in everything from food and drinks to lotions, toothpaste and pet treats.

Many have credited CBD with helping ease pain, increase sleep and reduce anxiety. But scientists caution not enough is known about its health effects, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration last year targeted nearly two dozen companies for making CBD health claims.

Still, the CBD market is increasing at a triple-digit rate and could have $20 billion in sales by 2024, according to a recent study by BDS Analytics, a marketing analysis firm that tracks cannabis industry trends.

About 80 percent of the 18,000 farmers licensed for hemp cultivation are in the CBD market, said Eric Steenstra, president of the advocacy group Vote Hemp. The remaining 20 percent grow hemp for its fiber, used in everything from fabric to construction materials, or its grain, which is added to health foods.

But hemp is a notoriously fickle crop. Conditions such as sunlight, moisture and soil composition determine its ratio of THC to CBD. Choosing the right harvesting window is critical to ensuring it stays within acceptable THC levels.

Under the draft USDA rules, farmers have no wiggle room. They must harvest within 15 days of testing their crop for THC, and the samples must be sent to a lab certified by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. Samples must be from the top of the plant, where THC levels are highest, and the final measurement must include not just THC, but also THCA, a nonpsychoactive component.

Crops that test above 0.3 percent for the two combined must be destroyed. Growers with crops above 0.5 percent would be considered in "negligent violation," and those with repeated violations could be suspended from farming hemp.

In addition, a pilot program for federal crop insurance that would be available to hemp growers in some states specifies that crops lost because of high THC levels won't be covered.

Those provisions are causing alarm among growers and states with pilot hemp programs allowed under the 2014 Farm Bill. Some states allow THC levels above 0.3 percent, and not all include THCA in that calculation. Many permit more harvesting time for growers after THC testing.

Farmers are lobbying for a 1 percent THC limit and a 30-day harvest window to give them more flexibility while remaining well under THC levels that can get people high.

The draft regulations don't "seem to be informed by the reality of the crop," said Jesse Richardson, who with his brother sells CBD-infused teas and capsules under the brand The Brothers Apothecary.

"If no one can produce (federally) compliant hemp flower, then there will be no CBD oil on the market."

Growers are also worried about the proposed rule requiring that all THC testing be done in a DEA-certified lab because there are so few of them. Some states have only one, which would serve hundreds of growers in a short harvest window.

Samantha Ford, a third-generation farmer in North Carolina, waited two weeks to get back THC results from a lab last fall and then spent 45 days harvesting her 1 acre of hemp by hand.

"The 15-day window – that's not feasible, and that was on a small scale," she said. "I can't imagine farmers who have acres and acres and acres of it."

Concerns also have emerged about the workload the draft rules would place on states. Many do random sampling for THC levels, but the USDA would require five samples from every hemp lot – a burden for state agricultural departments, said DeLucia, of the national ag agencies group.

If federal rules are too onerous and expensive, some states might drop their hemp programs. In those cases, farmers would have to apply for licenses with the USDA, and at this stage it's unclear how U.S. officials would manage or pay for a nationwide licensing program, DeLucia said.

Under the 2018 Farm Bill, the USDA must approve state plans for hemp programs. Louisiana, Ohio and New Jersey last month were the first to get the green light – but those plans might need to be reworked after final rules are written.

"What we don't want to see is states having to write their rules and then have to change the rules again and rewrite them" after 2021, said Steenstra, of Vote Hemp.

New Boeing CEO inherits crisis

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AP Airlines Writer

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Nielsen Company CEO David Calhoun, center, watches progress as he waits for the company's IPO to begin trading, on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange in 2011. Calhoun took over on Monday, as Boeing's third CEO in the last five years, following the firing last month of Dennis Muilenburg.

Changing CEOs was the easy part. Now it's up to Boeing's new leader to deal with a crisis caused by two crashes and the grounding of the company's best-selling plane.

David Calhoun took over Monday as Boeing's third CEO in the last five years, following the firing last month of Dennis Muilenburg.

Calhoun will oversee Boeing's legal strategy as it deals with dozens of lawsuits by families of the 346 people who died in crashes of the 737 Max jetliner. Calhoun's to-do-list also includes repairing Boeing's strained relationship with its chief regulator, and overseeing compensation to airline customers who canceled thousands of flights because their Boeing jets were grounded.

Maybe most significantly, he must try to restore the company's battered reputation and the impression that it put profit over safety.

In an email to employees, which Boeing made available to the public, Calhoun spelled out several priorities for 2020. First, he wrote, is safely returning the Max to service, followed by restoring trust in the company.

"This is a crucial time for Boeing," Calhoun said. "I see greatness in this company, but I also see opportunities to be better. Much better."

Calhoun said he will spend his first weeks as CEO listening to employees, customers and regulators and assuring them Boeing is on the way to meeting their expectations. Boeing declined to make him available for interviews.

Calhoun is an experienced executive who once ran General Electric's jet-engine business and served as chairman of the Boeing board for 10 years. His fellow directors described him Monday as the right fit for CEO.

"With deep industry experience and a proven track record of performance, Dave is the right leader to navigate Boeing through this challenging time in our 104-year legacy," said Lawrence Kellner, a former United Airlines CEO who is replacing Calhoun as Boeing chairman.

Boeing is halting Max production until it knows when the Federal Aviation Administration will approve fixes that company engineers are making to the plane's software and other systems. While Boeing says it will find other work for idled employees, those at major suppliers are not so lucky. Spirit AeroSystems, which makes fuselages for the Max, said Friday it will lay off 2,800 people.

Boeing is so big that the loss of exports from the Max grounding is weighing on the entire U.S. economy.

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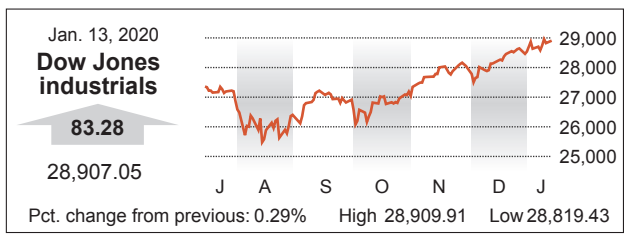

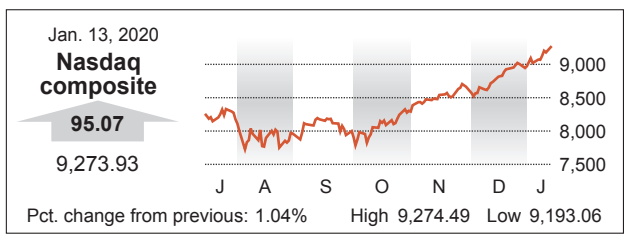

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AEP	AEP	75.52	96.22	94.63	+.29	+0.3	▲	▲	▲
Apple Inc	AAPL	149.22	312.67	316.96	+6.63	+2.1	▲	▲	▲
AutoZone	AZO	803.28	1274.41	1128.37	-3.85	-0.3	▼	▼	▼
BP PLC	BP	35.73	45.38	38.80	+.06	+0.2	▲	▲	▲
CMS Eng	CMS	50.08	65.31	63.69	+.63	+1.0	▲	▲	▲
CocaCola	KO	44.42	55.93	56.13	+.60	+1.1	▲	▲	▲
Comcast	CMCSA	34.67	47.27	45.80	+.82	+1.8	▲	▲	▲
Deere	DE	132.68	180.48	174.74	+1.31	+0.8	▲	▲	▲
Disney	DIS	107.32	153.41	143.88	-.74	-0.5	▼	▼	▼
DollarTree	DLTR	88.26	119.71	90.77	-.58	-0.6	▼	▼	▼
ExxonMbl	XOM	66.31	83.49	69.80	+.66	+1.0	▲	▼	▬
FifthThird	FITB	24.17	31.64	29.86	+.10	+0.3	▲	▼	▼
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Microsoft	MSFT	101.26	163.22	163.28	+1.94	+1.2	▲	▲	▲
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Penney	JCP	0.53	1.92	.85	-.16	-16.2	▼	▼	▼
Perrigo	PRGO	40.68	57.50	50.54	+.83	+1.7	▲	▼	▼
Pfizer	PFE	33.97	44.56	39.41	-.08	-0.2	▼	▲	▲
ProctGam	PG	89.08	126.60	124.88	+.91	+0.7	▲	▼	▬
RepubSvc	RSG	75.03	91.41	91.83	+.94	+1.0	▲	▲	▲
Steelcse	SCS	14.45	23.02	19.24	+.03	+0.2	▲	▲	▼
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TCF Finl	TCF	35.96	47.71	45.71	+.32	+0.7	▲	▼	▼
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VerizonCm	VZ	52.28	62.22	59.15	+.16	+0.3	▲	▼	▼
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WalMart	WMT	93.11	125.38	115.88	-.50	-0.4	▼	▼	▼
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Denise Westfall
St. Joseph City Clerk

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

FILE NO: 2019-1020-DE-D

Estate of: Emma L. Morlock

Date of Birth: March 16, 1922

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Emma L. Morlock who lived at 5141 Riverview Drive, Coloma, MI 49038, died February 23, 2019.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robin W. Morlock, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 811 Port Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085 and the named/proposed personal representative within four months after the date of this publication of this notice.

Date: January 7, 2020

Name: Robin W. Morlock

Address: 3196 Indian Summer Circle

City/State: Valparaiso, IN 46385

Phone: (219) 455-7315

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Seek out information that will help you make a decision. A personal change will encourage you to pursue a new direction, partnership or lifestyle. Romance is in the stars.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Stay informed and ask questions. Address emotional situations with kindness, compassion and solutions. Home improvements will allow you to expand a plan that will bring in extra cash and ease stress.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Concentrate on what you can accomplish. Distance yourself from individuals who meddle or cause havoc. Consider a business partnership with someone who can add value to a project you are pursuing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Take action. Look at what needs to be done and finish what you start. Equality will be necessary. Set rules and live up to your promises. Romance is encouraged.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Dig in and don't stop until you are satisfied with what you have done. The way you approach life, learning and love will affect how others treat you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Consider what you want and what you are willing to give up in order to reach your objective. Charm will help you gain support, but action will be what leads to your success.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Listen to others' advice and use it to your advantage. Dedication and discipline will pay off and bring about positive change at home and work, as well as in meaningful relationships.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Learn from experience, especially when handling money matters. Pursue your dreams by putting in time and effort. Trying to buy your way into something won't be satisfying or stable.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Consider what everyone around you wants, and distinguish what's reasonable and what isn't. A change in the dynamics of your relationships with others will be necessary.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Refuse to let anyone railroad you into something that isn't right for you. Concentrate on personal gain and satisfaction. A moneymaking deal will shape your future. Reluctance will be the enemy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be careful when it comes to your health, personal relationships and how you make changes. Impulsive action will be the enemy. Slow down and make sound decisions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Keep moving forward. Your actions will far exceed your words. Stick to the truth, don't believe everything you hear and strive for personal perfection. Romance is on the rise.

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170 Million

Adults read a newspaper in print or online in the past week.

115 Million

Readers who make newspapers an important part of their Sunday tradition.

56%

According to Google, a healthy percentage of consumers research or purchase products they see in the newspaper.

61%

18–34 year–olds read a newspaper in any given week.